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IIU concludes investigation into collision and injuries following attempted traffic stop by RCMP in Selkirk

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into a motor vehicle collision that left two people injured and that occurred as the vehicle was being followed by Selkirk RCMP. The involved officer will not face any charges as a result of the incident.

On November 25, 2017, an officer attempted to stop a Ford F-150 truck on Manitoba Avenue in Selkirk, but the driver did not pull over. The officer followed the vehicle and, at the intersection of Main Street and Manitoba Avenue, the F-150 went through a red light and “t-boned” a Chevrolet Cruze that was travelling through the intersection on a green light, with the right of way. The driver and passenger of the Cruze were admitted to hospital with serious injuries. As a result of those injuries following involvement by police, the IIU was mandated to investigate.

Radio transmissions between the officer and RCMP communication centre, along with GPS data from the police vehicle, indicated the officer was attempting to get near enough to the truck to read its license plate. Approximately one minute later, the collision occurred.

IIU civilian director Zane Tessler concluded the collision with the Chevrolet Cruze was the sole responsibility of the driver of the F-150.

The civilian director’s complete report on the investigation is available at www.iiumanitoba.ca.

The details of this investigation were first announced on November 27, 2017.

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