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IIU investigating allegation of assault by WPS officer

On June 16, 2017 the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an assault allegation against one of its members.

According to the WPS, a man attended the police headquarters on Smith Street on May 17, where he was placed under arrest. The man alleges that prior to his release, he was assaulted by the arresting officer in the interview room and suffered injuries. The man further says that, upon his release, he attended the St. Boniface Hospital for an examination.

While the allegation of injuries does not meet the definition of “serious injury” as defined by IIU regulation 99/2015, the IIU civilian director has determined it is in the public interest for the IIU to assume control of the investigation.

This investigation is ongoing, so no further details will be provided at this time.

The IIU investigates all serious incidents involving police officers in Manitoba, whether occurring on or off duty.

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