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IIU investigating injury to youth

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating after a female youth was injured during an encounter with police in Portage la Prairie.

On February 8, the RCMP notified the IIU of an incident that occurred on February 7. According to RCMP, officers responded to a call regarding an allegation of threats uttered by a group of youths at a recreation centre in Portage. When police responded and approached, a 14-year-old girl attempted to flee. A foot chase ensued and she was apprehended and transported to the Portage detachment. After complaining of pain to her shoulder and arm, the girl was taken to hospital where it was determined she had a broken collar bone. Although this was not a serious injury as defined by regulations, the IIU civilian director determined it to be in the public interest for the agency to investigate.

The 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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