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## **IIU concludes investigation into injury to suspect following WPS traffic stop**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into an incident in which a male suspect was seriously injured following a traffic stop and arrest by the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS). None of the three officers under investigation will face any charges as a result of the incident.

On January 10, 2017, officers initiated a traffic stop on Chancellor Drive near Pembina Highway following a suspected drug transaction. After blocking the suspect's westbound truck with their own vehicle, the man accelerated his truck into the police cruiser, drove over the median, across the eastbound lane of Chancellor Drive, and into an open field where it became stuck in heavy snow. A struggle ensued during the suspect's arrest and he sustained a fractured eye socket.

In conducting their investigation, IIU investigators were aided by interviews with the affected person, a number of witness officers, and WPS radio transmissions during which a male voice could be heard yelling at someone, at least twice, to stop resisting.

The completed IIU investigation file was sent to Manitoba Prosecution Services for review and advice. Following a thorough review of the IIU file, Manitoba Prosecution Services advised there is no reasonable likelihood any officer would be convicted of a Criminal Code offence. Based on this advice, none of the involved officers will face charges.

The man has been charged with a number of offences under the *Criminal Code* and *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*. The complete report into the IIU investigation will be posted online once those charges have been dealt with by the courts.

The details of this investigation were first announced on January 11, 2017.

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