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## **IIU concludes investigation into alleged misrepresentation by police officer at trial**

Manitoba's Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the possible perjury of a police officer during a murder trial last year. It has determined no charges should be laid against the officer.

During a Court of Queen's Bench trial in Thompson, Manitoba, an RCMP officer was called as a witness for the prosecution to testify to the accused's level of intoxication while interacting with police. The officer represented herself as a drug recognition expert while failing to disclose that she was not then certified as such and unable to complete evaluations on behalf of the RCMP. The crown prosecutor later learned the officer was not a certified expert and filed a complaint with the RCMP.

As the allegation of perjury is a prescribed offence under IIU regulation, the IIU was mandated to investigate.

The IIU investigation found the officer had previously been a trained and certified drug recognition expert, but that her certification had expired in 2016. In his report on the investigation, Civilian Director Zane Tessler wrote that although the officer should have made it clear she was no longer certified to conduct evaluations when she testified in 2018, she was technically correct in her testimony. Furthermore, he found there was no indication the officer intended to mislead the court. As a result, there is no basis to lay charges against the officer.

The final report summarizing the IIU investigation is available at [www.iiumanitoba.ca](http://www.iiumanitoba.ca). The details of this investigation were first released on July 4, 2018.

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