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## **IIU investigating single vehicle highway accident in northern Manitoba**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating after a 19-year-old woman was seriously injured in a single vehicle accident near Cranberry Portage, about 90 kilometres north of The Pas, after contact with police.

On July 22, 2018, the RCMP notified the IIU that at around 5 a.m. that morning, a member of the Cranberry Portage detachment attempted to stop a suspicious vehicle. The driver of the vehicle failed to stop and accelerated northbound on Highway 10, then went into a water-filled ditch. The officer entered the ditch and opened the door to find the woman seat belted into the vehicle and unconscious.

The woman was taken by ambulance and transferred to the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg where she was admitted and remains.

When internal injuries require admission to hospital on an in-patient basis, the IIU is mandated to investigate.

As the investigation is ongoing, 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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