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## **IIU investigating after Thompson RCMP deploy “less lethal” firearm**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating after Thompson RCMP used a “less lethal” firearm to subdue a male, which resulted in a laceration to his leg.

RCMP advised the IIU that in the afternoon of Wednesday, October 17, officers responded to a call for service regarding a man with a knife. Following attempts to have the man surrender his weapon, police used a “less lethal” firearm, which caused a small laceration to the man’s leg. He was eventually subdued, taken into custody and then transported to Thompson hospital where he received treatment.

As this matter involves the discharge of a firearm that caused an injury, this is a mandatory IIU investigation.

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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