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## **WPS officer on long-term disability charged following investigation into an allegation of fraud**

A Winnipeg police officer has been charged with fraud over \$5,000 under the Criminal Code of Canada, following an investigation by Manitoba's Independent Investigation Unit (IIU).

On February 23, 2019, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an allegation of fraud made by Manulife Financial against a WPS officer who was on long-term disability. Manulife indicated that the officer was operating a private business and did not disclose his employment status to Manulife, as required.

The IIU civilian director determined it was in the public interest for the unit to investigate. The IIU conducted a thorough and independent investigation into the incident, and Civilian Director Zane Tessler has determined there are reasonable grounds to believe a criminal offence occurred.

As a result, Cst. Elmer Hanson has been charged with fraud over \$5,000, pursuant to section 380(1) of the Criminal Code of Canada.

Hanson was personally served with a summons directing a first appearance date of July 22, 2020 in Provincial Court of Manitoba, in Winnipeg.

As this matter is now before the court, the IIU will not comment further.

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