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Independent Investigation Unit concludes investigation into injuries from motor vehicle collision following police pursuit

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into injuries to a male from a motor vehicle collision following a pursuit by members of the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS). The IIU has concluded no charge should be laid against any officer.

On May 22, 2019, WPS members were dispatched to the Canad Inns at 2100 McPhillips Street for a robbery in progress. Shortly thereafter, the vehicle in question was observed travelling westbound on Templeton at McPhillips where it crashed into a hydro pole. The suspect quickly sped away and continued to operate the vehicle northbound on McPhillips in the southbound lanes.

WPS members pursued the suspect vehicle, which continued northbound on McPhillips and made an eastbound turn onto the Perimeter Highway at speeds in excess of 150 km/hr. The vehicle then attempted to make a turn onto the exit ramp for southbound Main Street, where it lost control and rolled. The suspect exited the vehicle and fled on foot, but was quickly taken into custody. The driver was taken to Health Sciences Center by ambulance, where he was treated for his injuries, including a collapsed lung and broken ribs.

Zane Tessler, civilian director of the IIU has concluded that no actions by any police officer involved contributed to the collision and subsequent injuries to the individual.

The driver remains before the Court on charges arising out of this incident. The civilian director's complete report will be available online following disposition of the charges.

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