

June 26, 2019

IIU seeks witnesses in two investigations

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is looking for witnesses to two incidents it is investigating.

On June 20, the Winnipeg Police Service notified the IIU of an incident that led to the injury of a 14-year-old male during his arrest. Officers responded that same day to a call for assistance at the bus loop in front of the Kildonan Place Mall regarding a male who was in possession of a hatchet and acting in an aggressive manner. The male was arrested and, during the course of his arrest, was injured. He was transported to the Children's Hospital and treated for a fracture to his elbow. As this is a serious injury as defined by IIU regulations, the agency is mandated to investigate.

On June 26, the IIU was notified by the Winnipeg Police Service that, around 2:30 a.m., officers were dispatched to an Alfred Avenue address regarding a male who had broken into a residence. The male fled the residence and was located on Burrows Avenue. As officers took the male into custody, he appeared to be in medical distress. An ambulance was called and he was transported to St. Boniface hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The IIU has assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with section 65(1) of *The Police Services Act*. As this matter involves a fatality, a request for a civilian monitor will be made to the Manitoba Police Commission.

Witnesses or other individuals who have information or video footage that may assist in these two separate investigations are asked to contact the IIU toll free at 1-844-667-6060.

These investigations are ongoing so no further details will be provided at this time.

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