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IIU concludes investigation into motor vehicle collision following police pursuit

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into a motor vehicle pursuit and collision near St. Francis Xavier in the rural municipality of Headingley that resulted in injuries to two suspects.

On November 14, 2019, the RCMP notified the IIU of an incident that occurred at approximately 10:30 a.m. that day. Officers had been dispatched to a service call and two suspects were seen fleeing in a vehicle. Police located and pursued the suspect vehicle. The driver of the suspect vehicle fled into a field where the vehicle struck an embankment and crashed.

A 27-year-old male and a 19-year-old female were taken to the Health Sciences Centre. As both individuals were admitted to hospital, the IIU was mandated to investigate. The male suspect later claimed an officer had discharged his firearm during the pursuit, causing further injury.

Information obtained by IIU investigators included:

- RCMP officers' notes and reports;
- Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) reports;
- GPS data from RCMP cruiser vehicles;
- audio recordings between RCMP members and telecoms;
- Forensic Identification Service (FIS) report and photographs;
- the Traffic Collision Analyst report;
- a Facebook audio call recording;
- medical reports for AP1 and AP2; and
- a copy of the complaint to the RCMP's Civilian Review and Complaints Commission.

IIU investigators also interviewed two civilian witnesses and three RCMP officers. After a thorough investigation, the civilian director found no actions by any police officer caused or contributed to injuries to either suspect.

The investigation is now complete and the matter is closed.

The affected persons remain before the court on charges arising out of this incident. The civilian director's report on the IIU investigation will be made available following disposition of the charges.

The details of this investigation were first announced on November 15, 2019

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