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IIU concludes investigation into RCMP officer-involved shooting in Moncton, New Brunswick

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into an officer-involved shooting involving the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) “J” Division, which occurred last year in Moncton, New Brunswick.

As New Brunswick does not have specific legislation or an established provincial independent unit to investigate serious incidents involving police, a request was made for an independent, extra-provincial agency to assume responsibility for an investigation. The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) agreed to assume jurisdiction in this matter.

IIU advised the RCMP that it would conduct the investigation in accordance with IIU’s existing policies, processes and procedures. A team of IIU investigators was assigned to this investigation and were deployed to Moncton, New Brunswick.

On December 7, 2019, RCMP (New Brunswick) contacted the IIU regarding an officer-involved shooting that occurred earlier that day in Moncton. Moncton RCMP attempted to arrest a male driver who was a suspect in several robberies in Moncton. During the response, the male driver drove his car towards officers, and a member of the RCMP discharged a firearm, resulting in an injury to the 27-year-old driver. The affected person was arrested and taken to hospital for treatment of a minor gunshot injury, and then detained in police custody. There were no other injuries as a result of this incident.

An injury caused by the discharge of a firearm is defined as a serious injury under IIU regulations. The IIU investigated the incident on that basis.

The IIU interviewed two civilian witnesses, four witness officers and the affected person. The IIU also reviewed officer narratives, video and audio recordings, officer notes and photographs, FIS reports, drone aerial photographs, subject officer training records, the pursuit report, police dog service report, a medical report relating to the affected person, officer training records, and the results of a neighbourhood canvass. In addition, the subject officer voluntarily participated in an in-depth interview with IIU investigators.

Nothing in the extensive investigation suggested the actions of the subject officer was in any way inappropriate, and the use of potential lethal force was necessary, justified and unavoidable. The IIU investigation is now complete and the matter is closed.

The civilian director's complete report is available online at www.iumanitoba.ca.

The details of this investigation were first announced on December 11, 2019.

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