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IIU concludes investigation into injuries during arrest by RCMP members

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the circumstances surrounding the arrest of a 16-year-old female in Thompson that resulted in her sustaining a serious injury.

On October 16, 2019 the RCMP advised the IIU of an incident that occurred on October 8 in Thompson. The RCMP were called to an incident of a possible domestic disturbance. Upon arrival on scene the officers attempted to take a female into custody. She became uncooperative and force was used to arrest her. She was transported to the detachment, arrested and released. On October 12th the female attended Thompson Hospital complaining of a sore arm. She was diagnosed with a dislocated right elbow and fractured right wrist.

As a fractured wrist is defined as a serious injury under the IIU regulations, the IIU was mandated to investigate.

In his report on the investigation, IIU Civilian Director Zane Tessler was satisfied that the injury alleged by the subject did not represent a serious injury, and that the member acted within her authority and within reasonable limits.

The civilian director's complete report is available online at www.iiumanitoba.ca. The details of this investigation were first announced on October 17, 2019.

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