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## **IIU concludes investigation into allegation of assault during an arrest by Brandon Police Service officers**

Manitoba's Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into an allegation of assault during the arrest of an adult female by the Brandon Police Service.

On February 20, 2020, the Brandon Police Service (BPS) notified the IIU of an incident on February 5, 2020, where the BPS was dispatched to a domestic disturbance involving a male and female at a Brandon residence. In the course of that interaction, the adult female was screaming at police, acting aggressively towards them, and ignoring repeated police directions. She was advised that she was under arrest and struggled with officers, both before and after being handcuffed. Subsequently, the female alleged she was assaulted by police officers during the course of her arrest.

Although the notification did not disclose a serious injury, the civilian director determined it to be in the public interest for the IIU to investigate. IIU investigators were assigned to the investigation.

The IIU interviewed the affected female, and the male friend who called the Brandon police. Other information obtained by IIU investigators included:

- officers' notes and reports
- an audio recording of the 911 call
- an audio recording of the dispatch
- the major incident report
- video from the police cruiser
- video from the BPS lobby area
- a written statement from the complainant
- an occurrence summary
- the prisoner booking sheet
- photographs of the affected person

The evidence and information gathered suggests the officers acted appropriately and did not use unnecessary, improper or excessive force. The civilian director concluded there is no further requirement to continue with this investigation.

The investigation is now complete and the matter is closed. The civilian director's complete report is available online at [www.iumanitoba.ca](http://www.iumanitoba.ca). The details of this investigation were first announced on February 24, 2020.

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