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IIU concludes investigation into serious injury during arrest by WPS officers

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into circumstances surrounding the arrest of an 18-year-old female by the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) that may have resulted in her sustaining a fractured right humerus.

On September 29, 2020, WPS advised the IIU of an incident that occurred on July 11, 2020, on Balmoral Street. According to the notification, officers were responding to a call for service when they came upon an altercation. A female suspect was detained and subsequently released. The female later complained of a sore arm and was taken to Health Sciences Centre, where she was found to have a fractured right humerus.

As a fractured bone is defined as a serious injury under Independent Investigation Regulation 99/2015, the IIU was mandated to investigate and a team of investigators was assigned.

The civilian director designated two WPS officers as subject officers and three WPS officers as witness officers. IIU investigators also interviewed the affected person (AP) and three civilian witnesses, and consulted with two medical practitioners for opinions on the potential cause of injury.

WPS file material and other information obtained by IIU investigators included:

- incident history report
- WPS radio transmissions
- witness officers' notes and narratives
- missing person report
- copy of the Law Enforcement Review Agency (LERA) complaint
- AP's medical records

The civilian director was not satisfied that reasonable grounds exist to justify the laying of any criminal code or other statutory offence against any or all of the subject officers.

The IIU investigation is now closed and the civilian director's complete report is available online at www.iumanitoba.ca.

The details of this investigation were first announced on October 2, 2020.

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