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## **MFNPS officer charged following investigation into allegation of assault**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has charged an officer of the Manitoba First Nations Police Service (MFNPS) with assault, mischief and breach of an undertaking.

The IIU first advised it had launched an investigation into this matter on November 5, 2020.

The IIU has conducted a thorough and independent investigation into the circumstances of these incidents. IIU Civilian Director Zane Tessler is satisfied there are reasonable grounds to believe a criminal offence occurred and has authorized charges of assault, mischief and breach of undertaking under sections, 266, 430(4) and 145(4)(a) of the *Criminal Code*.

On January 13, 2021 MFNP Constable Jason Conrad Bushie was released on an undertaking and will appear in Provincial Court on February 9, 2021 in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

As this matter is now before the courts, the IIU will not make any further comment on its investigation.

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