

March 31, 2020

## **IIU investigating death following arrest in Oxford House**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating the death of a 31-year-old male following his arrest by RCMP in Oxford House.

On March 30, 2020, the RCMP reported an incident to the IIU that occurred on March 26. According to the RCMP, officers responded to a disturbance call. Upon arrival officers observed an intoxicated male and arrested him. He was transported to the detachment and lodged in cells in the RCMP detachment in Oxford House around 9:55 a.m. At 5:48 p.m. officers entered the cell and he was found unresponsive. Officers transported the male to the nursing station. On March 30, RCMP received a notification that the male had been transported from the nursing station to Health Sciences Centre and passed away on March 28.

The IIU has assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with section 66(4) of The Police Services Act. As this matter involves a fatality, a request for a civilian monitor will be made to the Manitoba Police Commission.

Witnesses or other individuals who have information or video footage that may assist this investigation are asked to contact the IIU toll free at 1-844-667-6060.

The investigation is ongoing so no further details will be provided at this time.

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