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IIU concludes investigation into injuries related to WPS arrest

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the circumstances surrounding the arrest of a 23-year-old male that resulted in him sustaining an injury to his elbow.

On May 28, 2020, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) reported an incident to the IIU that occurred at approximately 9:12 p.m. on May 27 in the 700 block of Sargent Avenue. According to the WPS notification, officers responded to a call for service regarding an assault on a female. Police located the suspect near the scene. The male was uncooperative and force was used to arrest him. The affected person sustained an injury during the course of his arrest and was transported to Health Sciences Centre, where he was diagnosed with a fractured elbow.

As a fractured elbow constitutes a serious injury pursuant to IIU regulation 99/2015, the IIU was mandated to investigate the circumstances surrounding the arrest.

IIU investigators interviewed the affected person and four civilian witnesses. Investigators also reviewed information, including:

- general, arrest and narrative reports
- officers' notes
- audio recording of 911 call
- audio recording of WPS radio transmissions
- call logs and history
- Air 1 (police helicopter) video
- civilian witness statements
- medical reports related to AP

Advice and expert opinions were also obtained from a forensic physician from the province's Chief Medical Examiner's office, the program manager for WPS Police Vehicle Operations Section, a traffic collision analyst from the RCMP and a physics professor from the University of Winnipeg.

The civilian director was not satisfied that reasonable grounds exist to charge any officers with any offence under the Criminal Code or Highway Traffic Act, and accordingly, no charges will be authorized.

The investigation is now complete and the matter is closed. The affected person remains before the Court on charges arising out of this incident. The civilian director's complete report will be available online at www.iiumanitoba.ca following disposition of the charges.

The details of this investigation were first announced on June 1, 2020.

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