

September 24, 2020

## **IIU investigating serious injuries related to WPS arrest**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating the circumstances surrounding the arrest of a 25-year-old male that resulted in him sustaining serious injuries.

On Tuesday, September 22, 2020, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) advised the IIU of an incident that occurred on Monday, September 21 at approximately 11:06 p.m. in the area of Assiniboine Avenue and Kennedy Street. According to this notification, officers conducted a traffic stop when the male driver subsequently fled in his vehicle. Police engaged in a traffic pursuit, which ended at Assiniboine Avenue and Kennedy Street. The male exited his vehicle and fled towards the river. Officers engaged in a foot pursuit. A Taser was deployed, striking the male and causing him to fall face first on the gravel river path. He was taken into custody and subsequently transported to Health Sciences Centre, where he is being treated for a broken wrist and possible broken rib.

As these injuries fall within the definition of serious injury pursuant to regulations, the IIU is mandated to investigate.

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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