

April 12, 2021

## **IIU investigating serious injury during WPS arrest**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating circumstances surrounding serious injuries sustained by an adult male during his arrest by the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS).

On April 11, 2021, WPS advised the IIU of an incident that occurred earlier that day on Charles Street. According to the notification, officers were responding to a call for service. When they arrived on scene they located a male outside the residence with visible injuries. The male suddenly attacked officers and force was used to subdue him. The individual was transported to Health Sciences Centre and treated for fractured ribs and a possible hemothorax. As fractured ribs are defined as a serious injury under the IIU 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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