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## **IIU investigates death in police presence in Sandy Bay**

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating the death of a male that occurred in police presence on August 4, 2021 in the Sandy Bay area.

On August 4, the Manitoba First Nations Police Service (MFNPS) notified the IIU of an incident that occurred earlier that day. According to the notification, MFNPS officers were responding to a report of a male with a firearm who was lighting grass fires in the area of Lake Road North. Officers attended and locate a male with a firearm. While officers were on scene the male suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound. First aid was provided by the officers on scene until EMS arrived. The male was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The IIU has assumed responsibility for the investigation into the death of the male in accordance with section 65(1) of *The Police Services Act*. As this matter involves a fatality, the IIU has requested a civilian monitor from the Manitoba Police Commission.

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

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