

August 12, 2021

IIU investigating allegation of excessive use of force

On August 11, 2021, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) notified the IIU of an incident which occurred on August 1, 2019 concerning an allegation of excessive use of force by two RCMP members during an arrest of a male suspect at the Winnipeg Richardson International Airport. The circumstances of this incident came to light during the course of a trial in Provincial Court on August 5 and 6, 2021. That trial continues and is scheduled to resume on August 30, 2021.

While the civilian director has determined that public interest demands that an independent investigation be undertaken by IIU in this matter, as the trial remains before the courts, no further details of the incident or comments will be made at this time.

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.

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