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## **IIU terminates investigation into allegations of assault by RCMP officers**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has terminated its investigation into allegations of assault by RCMP officers that occurred on September 4, 2021 in the rural municipality of Elphinstone.

According to the notification received from the RCMP on October 19, 2021, four unknown officers attended the affected person's property while he was having a fire. Allegations included that he was attacked by police and held in the detachment for several hours, and that he suffered a broken nose, broken glasses and ripped pants.

Following an interview with the affected person, investigators noted there were many inconsistent statements. In addition, the affected person retracted his permission for the release of medical information as evidence.

Given these circumstances, the civilian director is no longer satisfied that there exists grounds to support the decision that it was in the public interest for an independent investigation to be undertaken by IIU.

Therefore, the civilian director has terminated the investigation. The affected person remains before the court on charges arising out of this incident. The civilian director's report on the IIU investigation will be available following disposition of the charges.

The details of this investigation were first announced on October 20, 2021.

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