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IIU concludes investigation into allegations of driving offences by on-duty BPS officer

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into allegations of driving offences against an on-duty member of the Brandon Police Service (BPS).

On October 27, 2021, BPS notified the IIU of an allegation of an on-duty officer operating a police vehicle at an excessive speed, following too closely and in a manner that was of concern to other motorists. According to the notification, the incident occurred on Oct. 23 at approximately 7:15 p.m. on Trans-Canada Highway in the Headingley area. The matter was reported to BPS on Oct. 26, 2021 by a concerned motorist.

As this notification concerned allegations of breaches of the Highway Traffic Act, discretionary matters under the Police Services Act, the civilian director determined that it was in the public interest for an independent investigation to be conducted and a team of IIU investigators was assigned to investigate.

The IIU civilian director designated the BPS officer who was driving the police vehicle as the subject officer. The BPS officer who was the passenger in the police vehicle was designated as a witness officer. IIU investigators also met with and interviewed four civilian witnesses, including the individual who filed the original complaint.

BPS information obtained by IIU investigators included:

- BPS vehicle GPS reports
- audio of dispatch calls
- dispatch report
- BPS cell block video
- complaint to BPS
- copy of BPS service policy

The civilian director was not satisfied that the necessary reasonable grounds exist to support the laying of any Criminal Code or Highway Traffic Act charges against the subject officer.

Accordingly, IIU has completed its investigation and the matter is now closed. The civilian director's complete report is available online at www.iumanitoba.ca.

The details of the investigation were first announced on Oct. 29, 2021.

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