

IIU concludes investigation into in-custody death in Long Plain First Nation

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the in-custody death of an adult male in Long Plain First Nation.

On July 9, 2022, the Manitoba First Nations Police Service notified the IIU of an incident that had occurred earlier that day at approximately 2:17 p.m. According to the notification, officers responded to a call for service regarding an intoxicated male behaving erratically. The male was taken into custody without incident and lodged at the Long Plain detachment. Officers conducted a well-being check a short time later and found the male unresponsive. CPR was administered while waiting for emergency medical services to arrive. The male was transported to the Portage District General Hospital, where he was later pronounced deceased.

The IIU assumed responsibility for the investigation in accordance with Sec. 65(4) of the Police Services Act. IIU investigators were assigned to this investigation. Two subject officers and three witness officers were designated. Five professional witnesses and four civilian witnesses also provided statements.

Following an examination of all the circumstances, including a Crown opinion that the standard for prosecuting charges had not been met, the civilian director has declined to authorize charges. Therefore, the IIU investigation is completed and the matter is now closed.

The civilian director's complete report is available at www.iumanitoba.ca.

The details of the investigation were first announced on July 11, 2022.

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