

July 25, 2022

Case Number: 2022-0036

IIU investigates death in police presence in Rural Municipality of Prairie Lakes

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating the death of a male that occurred in the Rural Municipality of Prairie Lakes on July 22, 2022.

On July 23, 2022, the RCMP notified the IIU of an incident that occurred on July 22 at approximately 9:50 p.m. According to the notification, RCMP officers attended a residence to execute a warrant of arrest. Upon arrival officers located the male suspect in the yard. The male retrieved a firearm from the residence and fired at police. There was an exchange of gunfire and the male suspect retreated and barricaded himself in the residence. Officer on scene observed smoke coming from the residence and the residence became engulfed in flames. Officers remained on scene as it was unknown if the male was still in the residence. At approximately 7:00 a.m. on July 23 a body was recovered within the residence.

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.

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.

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

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