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Case Number 2022-0039

## **IIU concludes investigation into allegation of assault by on-duty MFNPS police officer**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into an allegation of assault by an on-duty Manitoba First Nations Police Service (MFNPS) officer.

On August 16, 2022, MFNPS reported an incident to the IIU that occurred earlier that same day. According to the notification, while lodging a female in MFNPS cells, the female became aggressive and force was used to secure her. The female sustained a cut to her head. She was subsequently transported to Portage General Hospital, where she was treated and released back into custody.

The IIU civilian director determined it was in the public interest for the IIU to investigate and investigators were assigned. Information obtained and reviewed by IIU investigators included:

- 911 telephone call history and audio;
- audio of MFNPS radio transmissions;
- occurrence summary;
- MFNPS officers' notes and narratives;
- use of force report;
- use of force policy;
- cell block surveillance video

The civilian director designated the involved officer as the subject officer and a MFNPS officer as a witness officer. IIU investigators met with and interviewed the affected person and a civilian witness.

The civilian director found no reasonable grounds to justify the laying of any charges against the subject officer.

Accordingly, the matter is now closed. The civilian director's complete report is available online at [www.iumanitoba.ca](http://www.iumanitoba.ca).

The details of the investigation were first announced on August 23, 2022.

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