

March 24, 2023
Case Number 2023-0020

IIU investigating death while in police custody in Chemawawin

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating the death of a female following her arrest by RCMP in Chemawawin.

On March 23, 2023, RCMP reported an incident to the IIU that occurred on March 22, 2023. According to the notification, an intoxicated female was taken into custody on March 22 around 7:40 p.m. She was transported to the Chemawawin RCMP detachment and lodged in cells. On March 23 around 10 a.m., the female was found unresponsive in a cell. CPR was started immediately. Nurses from the community's nursing station attended and pronounced the female deceased.

The IIU has assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with Section 65(1) of the Police Services Act. As this matter involves a fatality, a request for a civilian monitor will be made to 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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