

IIU concludes investigation into serious injuries related to BPS arrest

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the circumstances surrounding the arrest of a male that resulted in him sustaining injuries.

On May 4, 2023, the Brandon Police Service (BPS) notified the IIU of an incident that occurred on May 3, 2023, at approximately 6:44 a.m. According to the notification, BPS officers were called to an address in the 500 block of Seventh St. concerning a report of an individual who locked themselves inside a storage room and refused to leave. When police arrived, they observed a male exiting the room armed with a metal crowbar and knife. After a brief struggle, the male was arrested. Following arrival at the cells, the male complained that a BPS officer had assaulted him during his arrest.

As this matter concerned injuries during an arrest, the IIU assumed responsibility for the investigation in accordance with Sec. 75(1) of The Police Services Act. IIU investigators were assigned to this investigation. One subject officer and four witness officers were designated. A civilian witness provided a statement and investigators also spoke with the affected male.

Following due consideration of all the circumstances, including the Crown opinion that the standard for prosecuting charges has not been met, the civilian director will not be authorizing 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 May 8, 2023.

- 30 -

Media inquiries may be directed to:
Communications and Engagement
newsroom@gov.mb.ca -=

Information on the IIU can be found at www.iumanitoba.ca or at www.twitter.com/IIUManitoba