

September 5, 2023

Case Number: 2023-0049

IIU investigating medical incident while in police custody in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating circumstances surrounding a medical incident following the arrest of a male that occurred on Sept. 2.

On Sept. 2, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) reported an incident to the IIU that occurred on the same day around 11:54 a.m. According to the notification, WPS officers responded to a call for service in the area of Main Street and Alexander Avenue regarding a male walking into traffic. Upon arrival, officers placed the man in handcuffs. The officers requested an ambulance attend to the scene, as they believed the affected person was undergoing a medical emergency. While in the ambulance, the affected person's condition deteriorated and he was transported to Health Sciences Centre in critical condition.

On Sept. 4, the IIU was notified by WPS that the affected person was pronounced deceased. The IIU has assumed responsibility for this investigation, as the affected person was in police custody when the medical incident occurred.

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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