

IIU concludes serious injury investigation in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into a serious injury during an incident in Winnipeg.

On Oct. 23, 2023, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an incident that occurred earlier that day. According to the notification, at approximately 9:50 a.m., WPS officers responded to a call for service to a residence on Arlington Street. Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) personnel were at the residence for a Priority 1 call and activated an emergency button indicating there was violence on scene. Upon arrival, WPS officers encountered a combative female behaving erratically. Officers restrained the female to prevent her from hurting herself and to allow WFPS personnel to provide medical treatment, including chemical sedation. The female lost consciousness and CPR was administered. The female was transported to Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg in critical condition. She remained in a medically induced coma until her death on Nov. 3.

The IIU assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with Sec. 66(4) of the Police Services Act. Three witness officers and two civilian witnesses were designated. Investigators also obtained statements from four professional witnesses.

Following due consideration of all the circumstances and evidence, the civilian director concluded that the interaction of the police officers with the female did not contribute to her serious injury or death. Therefore, no charges are recommended against any of the witness officers. The IIU investigation is completed and the matter is now closed.

The civilian director's complete report is available at www.iiumanitoba.ca.

The details of the investigation were first announced on Oct. 24, 2023.

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