

IIU investigating medical incident while in police custody in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating circumstances surrounding a medical incident involving an adult female that occurred on Oct. 23.

On Oct. 23, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) reported an incident to the IIU that occurred on the same day around 9:50 a.m. According to the notification, WPS officers responded to an emergency call to assist the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) in the 500 block of Arlington Street with a female experiencing a medical event. Upon arrival, WPS encountered a combative and erratic female and a struggle ensued. WPS physically restrained the female who was then administered a chemical sedative by WFPS. After sedation, the female experienced a further medical event and was transported to Health Sciences Centre in critical condition.

The civilian director has determined it is in the public interest for the IIU to investigate.

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 and further details will be provided at this time.

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