

IIU concludes investigation into injury related to arrest in Birdtail Sioux First Nation

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into an arrest of an adult male in Birdtail Sioux First Nation.

On Nov. 24, 2023, the Manitoba First Nations Police Service (MFNPS) notified the IIU of an incident that resulted in an injury that required medical attention. According to the notification, on Nov. 22, 2023, at 7:42 p.m., members of the MFNPS responded to a call for service in Birdtail Sioux First Nation regarding a disturbance. Once officers arrived on the scene, they were met with an aggressive male. A use-of-force encounter occurred, resulting in the affected person suffering facial injuries. The man was taken to Virden Health Centre.

The IIU assumed responsibility for the investigation in accordance with Sec. 75 of the Police Services Act as a matter of public interest. IIU investigators were assigned to this investigation. One subject officer and two witness officers were designated. Investigators also spoke with the affected person and one civilian witness.

Following due consideration of all the circumstances and evidence, the civilian director concluded the actions of the subject officer were reasonable and no charges were recommended. 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 November 27, 2023.

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