

## **IIU concludes investigation into serious injuries sustained during WPS arrest**

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into serious injuries sustained by an adult male during an arrest by Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) officers.

On Jan. 12, WPS notified the IIU of an incident that had occurred the previous day. According to the notification, at approximately 6 p.m. on Jan. 11, WPS officers attended an address in the 500 block of William Newton Avenue regarding a male wanted on a Canada-wide immigration warrant. The male answered the door, but immediately closed it before he could be taken into custody. The homeowner allowed officers to enter the residence to search for the affected person, who had barricaded himself in an upstairs bedroom. When officers gained entry to the room, the male jumped from the second-storey window, which was approximately 15 feet above the ground and fled. Officers located the male hiding behind a nearby residence, where he continued resisting arrest. A brief use of force encounter ensued and the male was taken into custody. He was transported to Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg and it was determined that he had broken his left forearm and left hip/pelvis.

As this matter concerned a serious injury as defined under the IIU regulations, the IIU assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with Sec. 66(4) of the Police Services Act.

No subject officers or witness officers were designated. Investigators interviewed the affected person, who indicated he jumped from the second-storey window on his own.

In considering all the circumstances, the civilian director concluded that the actions of police officers did not contribute to or cause the serious injuries sustained by the affected person. Therefore, the IIU investigation is completed and the matter is now closed.

The civilian director's complete report is available at [www.iiumanitoba.ca](http://www.iiumanitoba.ca).

The details of the investigation were first announced on Jan. 12, 2024.

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