

IIU concludes investigation into serious injury related to an arrest in Winnipeg

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

On Feb. 24, 2024, WPS notified the IIU of an incident that had occurred earlier that day. According to the notification, at approximately 1:43 a.m., general patrol officers observed a stolen vehicle and followed it with the assistance of Air1. The driver then fled on foot into the backyard of a residence. A brief use-of-force encounter ensued and the adult male was taken into custody. The male complained of injuries and was taken to Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg, where he was diagnosed with broken ribs and a collapsed lung.

The IIU assumed responsibility for the investigation in accordance with Sec. 65(4) of the Police Services Act. IIU investigators were assigned to this investigation. Two subject officers and six witness officers were designated. The affected person also provided a statement.

Following due consideration of all the circumstances, the civilian director concluded the use of force was reasonable and will not be authorizing charges. Therefore, the IIU investigation is completed and the matter is now closed.

As an affected person remains before the court on charges arising from the incident, the civilian director's report on the incident will be made available once those charges are disposed.

The details of the investigation were first announced on Feb. 26, 2024.

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