

## **IIU investigating serious injury related to an arrest in Winnipeg**

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating the circumstances surrounding the arrest of an adult male in Winnipeg.

On Feb. 24, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an incident that resulted in an injury requiring medical attention. According to the notification, on Feb. 24 at approximately 1:43 a.m., WPS members were patrolling the area of Logan Avenue and Sherman Street when they observed an adult male operating a reported stolen vehicle. Officers followed the vehicle until the driver stopped in the 1900 block of McDermot Avenue where he fled on foot. WPS officers engaged in a brief foot pursuit and a use-of-force encounter occurred to take the male into custody. While in custody, the male complained of soreness to his chest, left ribs, leg and back. He was subsequently transported to Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg for treatment, where it was confirmed he had suffered a collapsed lung and fractured ribs.

As the injuries are defined as a serious injury under the IIU regulation, the IIU is mandated to investigate.

Witnesses or individuals who have information or video footage that may assist the investigation are asked to contact the IIU toll-free at 1-844-667-6060.

The investigation is ongoing so no further details will be provided at this time.

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