

IIU concludes investigation into motorcycle accident involving Winnipeg Police Service

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the circumstances surrounding serious injuries related to a motorcycle accident and the arrest of an adult male involving the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS).

On Apr. 7, 2024, the WPS notified the IIU of an incident that occurred at approximately 12:16 p.m. that same day. According to the notification, WPS officers observed an adult male on a motorcycle exit the rear lane of Hallet Street onto Rover Avenue. Officers checked the licence plate to find it was expired and registered to a different motorcycle. Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop and the motorcycle fled from police at a high rate of speed. The motorcycle was observed by several police units in the North End and Garden City area, when it attempted to pass a civilian vehicle, making a left turn from Templeton Avenue onto Meredith Bay. The motorcycle struck the driver's side door and the operator landed in the front yard of a nearby residence. Officers came across the scene of the collision and observed the driver of the motorcycle attempting to flee. He was apprehended after a brief use of force encounter. The adult male was identified and it was revealed that he had an outstanding arrest warrant. Paramedics attend the scene where the male driver was subsequently transported to Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg for treatment, where it was confirmed he had suffered a number of bruises and lacerations and a fractured right leg.

As this matter concerned a serious injury as defined by IIU regulations, the IIU assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with Sec. 65(4) of the Police Services Act.

The civilian director designated one subject officer and seven witness officers. Three civilian witnesses provided statements and investigators spoke with the affected person.

In considering all the circumstances, the civilian director concluded the actions of the subject officer were reasonable. 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 Apr. 9, 2024.



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