

IIU investigating officer-involved shooting in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating an officer-involved shooting.

On June 11, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an incident that occurred at approximately 5:20 p.m. According to the notification, WPS responded to a call in the 800 block of Arlington Street about an intoxicated male armed with a knife, confronting people and running into traffic. The responding officers located the armed male. Use-of-force encounters occurred and two tasers were deployed but had no effect on the male. An officer discharged a firearm, striking the male. Officers immediately provided emergency first aid before the male was transported in unstable condition to the hospital, where he has since been upgraded to stable condition.

As any injury caused by the discharge of a firearm by a police officer is defined as a serious injury, the IIU is mandated to investigate. A team of IIU investigators was deployed.

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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