

IIU investigating fatal officer-involved shooting during arrest attempt in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating the fatal shooting of an adult male during an arrest attempt by the Manitoba Integrated Violent Offender Apprehension Unit (MIVOAU) in Winnipeg. The MIVOAU is a joint-forces unit made up of officers from the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

On May 29, 2026, the WPS notified the IIU of an incident that occurred the same day at approximately 12:57 p.m. According to the notification, MIVOAU members received information that a male wanted on outstanding warrants was believed to be operating a stolen vehicle in the Polo Park Shopping Centre area in Winnipeg. Officers also received information the male had been in possession of a firearm earlier in the day.

The male and the vehicle were located at approximately 10:27 a.m. Police attempted to arrest him on two occasions, however, he evaded capture both times, first by ramming a police vehicle and then fleeing on foot into a residential area.

At approximately 10:43 a.m., MIVOAU members observed the male enter a residence in the 400 block of King Edward Street by forced entry. MIVOAU members approached the front of the residence, identified themselves and began issuing loud verbal commands to the male.

Officers reported seeing the male point a firearm at them through the drapes of an open window, at which time a police officer discharged their firearm, causing the male to retreat from the window and out of view inside the residence.

MIVOAU members proceeded to implement armed and barricaded protocols. While additional resources were being requested, officers determined the male had no connection to the residence and that several people remained inside.

At approximately 10:51 a.m., additional Tactical Support Team (TST) resources, K9 resources and additional general patrol resources were summoned to the scene. TST began formulating a plan to respond to what appeared to be a hostage-taking situation.

At approximately 11:09 a.m., TST officers observed an adult male resident from the home run out the front door in a panic. The resident told officers that an unknown male with a firearm had broken into the home and stated that he was going to kill all of them. The resident told police that two female youth were still inside with the armed suspect. The male suspect was believed to be

in the basement with one of the female youths, with the other female believed to be hiding on the main floor.

A rescue plan was developed. One of the female youths was safely removed from the home; however, the other youth was still believed to be held by the male suspect in the basement.

Officers then saw smoke billowing out the front door of the residence and an immediate action team was deployed and entered the residence. The team encountered the remaining female youth who was safely removed from the residence. At this time, the male suspect exited the rear of the residence brandishing a firearm, and a use-of-force encounter with police ensued. The male suspect sustained multiple gunshot wounds and was later pronounced deceased at the scene.

As this matter involved a fatal officer-involved shooting, 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 and a team was immediately deployed.

Witnesses or individuals who have information or video footage that may assist this 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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