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IIU investigating death following 911 call in Canupawakpa Dakota First Nation

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating the death of an adult male following a 911 call in Canupawakpa Dakota First Nation.

On Sept. 15, the Manitoba First Nations Police Service (MFNPS) notified the IIU of an incident that took place on Nov. 22, 2024, at approximately 12:09 a.m. According to the notification, the Brandon Communications Centre received a 911 call, in which a disturbance was heard. GPS coordinates of the 911 call determined that call originated from Canupawakpa Dakota First Nation. MFNPS members were dispatched to the area. They were unable to locate the caller, but believed the caller to be a male from the area.

On Nov. 30, 2024, MFNPS conducted another search of the area, at which time an adult male was found deceased.

The investigation was initially forwarded to RCMP Major Crime Services as a suspicious death. The RCMP later forwarded the investigation back to MFNPS for possible reporting and investigation by the IIU, based on concerns about the male not being located until Nov. 30, 2024.

As this incident involved a fatality, the IIU is mandated to investigate.

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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