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IIU investigating following DOPS arrest in Sandy Bay

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating the circumstances surrounding the injury of a prisoner following an arrest on the Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation.

The Dakota Ojibway Police Service (DOPS) advised the IIU that officers attended a home on the First Nation on April 2 to execute an arrest. The male suspect surrendered without incident and was taken to the Sandy Bay detachment for approximately 11 hours, then to the RCMP cells in Portage la Prairie.

At some point, the prisoner suffered a laceration and bleeding to his forehead, was taken to Portage hospital on April 4 and was admitted for treatment.

The IIU was notified of the prisoner's injuries and hospitalization on April 5. It is investigating in accordance with section 66(1) (b) of The Police Services Act, which requires an investigation whenever the actions of an officer may have resulted in injury to a person that requires hospitalization.

The IIU investigates all serious incidents involving police officers in Manitoba, whether occurring on or off duty. For more information about the IIU, visit www.iiumanitoba.ca.

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