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IIU INVOLVED IN FOUR INVESTIGATIONS

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) became operational on June 19, 2015. Since that time, it has assumed responsibility for four investigations across the province:

- On June 21, 2015, the RCMP detachment in Spruce Woods received a report concerning a member of the RCMP, who is alleged to have physically abused a child between 2010 and 2015. The IIU was notified by the RCMP “D” Division on June 22, 2015, and has assumed conduct over this investigation in accordance with section 75 (1) of *The Police Services Act*, as the civilian director considers it is in the public interest to do so.
- On May 16, 2015, it is alleged that a person was physically assaulted and received injuries while held in custody at the RCMP detachment in The Pas. A complaint was forwarded to the RCMP “D” Division from the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission on June 5, 2015 and they met with the individual on July 14, 2015. The IIU was notified by the RCMP on July 15, 2015, and has assumed conduct over this investigation in accordance with section 75 (1) of *The Police Services Act*, as the civilian director considers it is in the public interest to do so.
- In the early morning of July 19, 2015, members of the Oakbank RCMP detachment were dispatched to a report of a single vehicle accident and possible impaired driver in Anola, Manitoba. The person believed to be the driver was located at the scene, requested to perform a roadside screening test and then collapsed a short time later. CPR was provided by officers and emergency medical service personnel. The person was transported to hospital and later died. The IIU was notified by the RCMP on July 19, 2015, and has assumed conduct over this investigation in accordance with section 65 (4) of *The Police Services Act*.

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- In the early morning of July 19, 2015, an RCMP member was performing traffic duties north of Gimli when a vehicle passed the officer at a high rate of speed. Following a pursuit, the driver was observed to enter a driveway and the officer attempted to make an arrest. The driver resisted and entered a building, so the officer requested back-up. RCMP officers entered the building to take the driver into custody, at which time the individual received serious injuries requiring medical attention at a hospital. The IIU was notified by the RCMP on July 20, 2015, and has assumed conduct over this investigation in accordance with section 65 (4) of *The Police Services Act*.

These investigations are ongoing, so no further details will be provided at this time.

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.iumanitoba.ca.

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