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IIU concludes investigation into fatal WPS officer-involved shooting

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has completed its investigation into the death of a 27-year-old male following an officer-involved shooting in the 100 block of Kowalsky Crescent in Winnipeg.

On March 10, 2020 the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) reported an incident to the IIU that occurred at 4:47 a.m. WPS reported that officers responded to a call that a male was attacking another male with a weapon. According to the notification, officers engaged the male, resulting in an officer discharging their firearm and striking the man. The man was transported to Health Sciences Centre where he succumbed to his injuries.

A team of IIU investigators was deployed to the scene and the investigation commenced. Since the matter involved a fatality, a request for a civilian monitor was made to the Manitoba Police Commission.

IIU investigators interviewed four WPS officers and five civilian witnesses. Investigators also reviewed:

- video surveillance footage from a neighbouring residence that captured the entire incident
- officers' notes and narrative reports
- an Identification Unit report and photographs
- physical evidence
- call history
- 911 audio recordings
- WPS radio/dispatch audio recordings
- firearm inspection report
- CEW downloads

Following a detailed review of this comprehensive investigation, the civilian director concluded there were no grounds to justify any charges against the subject officer.



The IIU investigation is now closed, and the civilian director's complete report is available online at www.iumanitoba.ca.

The details of this investigation were first announced on March 10, 2020

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