

January 11, 2017

## **IIU investigating injury to suspect following WPS traffic stop**

On January 10, 2017, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an incident that occurred the previous evening at approximately 11:00 p.m. near Chancellor Drive and Pembina Highway.

According to the WPS, officers had initiated a traffic stop, blocking the suspect's Ford 150 truck with their own vehicle. The suspect accelerated his truck into the police vehicle, drove away and eventually entered an open field where it became stuck in heavy snow. A struggle ensued during the suspect's arrest and he sustained a fractured eye socket.

As this is a serious injury as defined by regulations, the IIU has assumed responsibility for the investigation.

The IIU is asking witnesses and other individuals who have information or video footage that may assist this investigation to contact them toll-free at 1-844-667-6060.

This investigation is 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.iiumanitoba.ca](http://www.iiumanitoba.ca).

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