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IIU investigating serious injuries related to a WPS arrest in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating the circumstances surrounding the arrest of a male in Winnipeg that resulted in internal injuries requiring hospitalization.

The Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) advised the IIU that officers responded to a complaint in the 500 block of Ross Avenue on January 23, 2016. During the arrest, force was required to restrain and control a male suspect, who was taken into custody. He was subsequently taken to Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg and admitted for treatment of serious injuries.

The IIU was formally notified of this incident by the WPS on January 24. Investigators were immediately deployed to begin the investigation.

The IIU has assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with Section 66(1) of The Police Services Act. Its investigation will focus on the circumstances surrounding the conduct of the WPS officers with the individual.

As the investigation is ongoing, 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.

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