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## **IIU to investigate possible criminal conduct by Brandon officer**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) will investigate possible criminal conduct stemming from the actions of a member of the Brandon Police Service (BPS) several years ago.

On December 7, 2018, BPS notified the IIU it had recently become aware that one of their officers may have misled investigators in 2015, leading to a criminal investigation and charges against another officer.

The initial investigation and subsequent charges stemmed from an incident at a Brandon bar in 2014. The investigation was conducted by the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) and led to charges being laid against a BPS officer in 2016. Those charges were stayed in 2017.

BPS subsequently conducted an internal review of the file and, as a result, notified the IIU that one of their officers may have misled the WPS investigators.

Although the WPS investigation and alleged criminal conduct pre-dates the opening of the IIU, due to the recent discovery of relevant information by BPS, the IIU civilian director has determined it is in the public interest for the agency to investigate.

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.

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