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IIU investigating possible Highway Traffic Act offences by Brandon officer

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating the statements and actions of a Brandon police officer following a collision involving the officer's vehicle.

On December 18, 2018, Brandon Police Service notified the IIU that, on December 1, an on-duty officer reversed the police vehicle and, in doing so, struck another vehicle. The vehicle's audio-video system captured the collision. A collision review was conducted as per agency policy and the recording was found to be inconsistent with the officer's statement that the police vehicle was rear-ended.

Although this is not a mandatory IIU investigation, the civilian director has determined it is in the public interest for the agency to investigate to determine whether charges should be laid under the Highway Traffic Act.

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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