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IIU concludes investigation into alleged police assault in The Pas

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into an alleged assault by two members of The Pas RCMP and has determined that no criminal charges should be laid.

In July 2015, the RCMP advised the IIU that it had received a formal complaint from a woman who alleged she was physically assaulted and received injuries on May 16, 2015 while held in custody at the RCMP detachment in The Pas.

Although there were no serious injuries, the IIU civilian director determined it to be in the public interest for the IIU to take over the investigation and, in particular, to determine whether officers used excessive and unnecessary force.

After reviewing the findings of IIU investigators, including interviews with numerous witnesses and RCMP video of the The Pas detachment cell block, civilian director Zane Tessler has determined that no officer used excessive or unnecessary force in any dealings with the complainant.

The woman who brought the complaint against the RCMP remains before the Court on charges. As such, the IIU will not comment further on this matter.

The complete report of the civilian director will be posted online once the charges are dealt with by the Court. The details of this investigation were first released on August 11, 2015.

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