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RCMP officer arrested following IIU investigation into in-custody injury on Oxford House First Nation

An RCMP officer has been arrested following an investigation by the Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) into an incident in which a man sustained injuries while in custody in Oxford House, Manitoba.

The IIU issued its initial news release on February 17, 2017, advising it had launched an investigation into an allegation of assault by an on-duty RCMP officer that occurred while a male was in custody.

The IIU has conducted a thorough and independent investigation into the circumstances of this incident. IIU Civilian Director Zane Tessler determined there are reasonable grounds to believe a criminal offence occurred.

On May 5, 2017, a constable with the RCMP in Oxford House was arrested on a count of assault causing bodily harm and released on a promise to appear at Provincial Court in Thompson on June 23, 2017.

As this matter is now before the courts, the IIU will not make any further comment on its investigation.

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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