

May 17, 2021

IIU investigating serious injuries during WPS arrest

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating circumstances surrounding serious injuries sustained by an adult male suspect and a Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) officer during the male's arrest.

On May 15, 2021, WPS advised the IIU of an incident that occurred earlier that day on Manitoba Avenue. According to the notification, at approximately 10:54 a.m. on May 15th, officers were attempting to arrest a male who was a fare in a stopped taxi. The male exited the taxi and fled on foot. Two officers were pursuing the male on foot when all three individuals were struck by a police vehicle being driven by another officer. The male suspect and the two officers were transported to hospital and treated for injuries. The male suspect was treated for internal injuries and lacerations and was admitted for observation. One of the officers sustained a broken bone falling within the definition of serious injury in IIU regulation 99/2015. Given the admission to hospital and the existence of a broken bone IIU is mandated to investigate.

Witnesses or other individuals who have information or video footage that may assist this investigation are asked to contact the IIU toll free at 1-844-667-6060.

The investigation is ongoing so no further details will be provided at this time.

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