

November 21, 2015

IIU investigating RCMP officer-involved shooting in Thompson

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating a police-involved shooting that occurred early this morning in Thompson, Manitoba.

The RCMP advised that at approximately 2:00 a.m. on November 21, 2015, one of their Thompson police officers attempted to complete a traffic stop after noticing an erratic driver. After a brief pursuit, the vehicle was stopped and the officer approached it. The vehicle then accelerated and struck the officer. The officer discharged his firearm. As a result, the male driver of the vehicle was pronounced deceased at the scene.

There were also four passengers in this vehicle:

- an adult female passenger sustained serious injuries and was transferred to a Winnipeg hospital;
- a second adult female passenger sustained minor injuries, not related to the discharge of the firearm and was released from hospital following treatment; and
- the two remaining passengers did not suffer any injuries.

The officer sustained minor injuries and was released from hospital following treatment.

The IIU was formally notified and investigators were immediately deployed and are presently on scene in Thompson, Manitoba.

The IIU has assumed responsibility for the investigation in accordance with section 65(1) of the Police Services Act. The investigation is ongoing and no further details will be provided at this time.

Since this investigation involves a fatality, the IIU will be requesting the appointment of a civilian monitor from the Manitoba Police Commission.

The IIU investigates all serious incidents involving police officers in Manitoba, occurring on or off duty. For more information about the IIU, visit www.iiumanitoba.ca.