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## **IIU investigating after off-duty officer intervenes in fight**

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating after an off-duty member of the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) intervened in an altercation between two men, resulting in a serious injury to one of them.

On November 21, 2016, WPS formally notified the IIU of an incident that occurred on November 18. According to the notification, at approximately 5:00 p.m., an off-duty officer was driving near St. Mary's Road and Marion Street when he observed two males fighting and chasing each other in and out of oncoming traffic. The officer intervened in the altercation, which resulted in one of the males suffering a fractured jaw. The male was treated and released from hospital, then detained at the Winnipeg Remand Center.

As this incident involved a serious injury, the IIU is required to investigate.

The IIU is asking witnesses and other individuals who have information or video footage that may assist this investigation to contact them toll-free at 1-844-667-6060.

As this 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. For more information about the IIU, visit [www.iiumanitoba.ca](http://www.iiumanitoba.ca).

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