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IIU investigating alleged injuries during arrests

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba is investigating two separate incidents in which two people have complained of being injured during arrest by Winnipeg police officers.

The first incident occurred February 7, 2016. The affected person claims that as he was being handcuffed, his arm was injured. After being released, he visited the Health Sciences Centre where he says he was informed his arm was sprained or dislocated. He has been off work since then due to the injury. The Winnipeg Police Service had been investigating the complaint and IIU had been monitoring. Upon receiving further information, the affected person's injuries were determined to meet the definition of a serious injury. Accordingly, the IIU has taken over the investigation as required by legislation.

The second incident took place October 4, 2016 when a second affected person was being arrested for uttering threats. He filed a complaint October 17, alleging that during the course of the arrest, his hand was injured and that, as a result, he required surgery to repair his hand. The IIU is mandated to investigate.

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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