

October 30, 2015

IIU to monitor investigation into theft of RCMP weapon

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) will begin monitoring the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) investigation into the theft of an RCMP officer's firearm, which was later used in a serious incident. The IIU was first advised of this incident on October 24, 2015.

After receipt of further information about the WPS investigation on October 28, 2015, the IIU determined that the requirements of section 73 of *The Police Services Act* have been met and the incident falls under its mandate. The IIU has now advised WPS that it will assume a formal review and monitoring role related to this investigation and may now:

- require information and updates about the status of the WPS investigation,
- assign a civilian monitor or member of the IIU to monitor the progress of the investigation, and
- receive the results of the WPS investigation once complete.

At any time, the IIU may assume conduct of the investigation, if the civilian director considers it in the public interest to do so, under section 75 (1) of the Act.

Since this is an ongoing WPS investigation, the IIU will not provide any further details about the incident or investigation.

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.

- 30 -

Media inquiries may be directed to:
Lenore Kowalchuk
Communications Services Manitoba
(204) 945-7123