



**IN THE MATTER OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO A FATAL MOTOR VEHICLE  
COLLISION AFTER AN ATTEMPTED TRAFFIC STOP**

**FINAL REPORT OF THE CIVILIAN DIRECTOR**  
**OF THE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION UNIT**

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## **Introduction**

On July 31, 2024, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) notified the Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) of an incident.

The written notification disclosed the following information:

Excerpt from the Part 7 notification received Aug. 1, 2024:

*SO1 was conducting traffic enforcement on Highway 190 (Centerport Canada Way) in the westbound lanes, driving a grey unmarked police vehicle. AP's vehicle drove past SO1's vehicle at a speed of 107kph in a 70kph signed zone. SO1 activated his emergency lights, pulling into the driving lane behind the AP. AP increased its speed, failing to pull over, driving westbound in the centre of both lanes. SO1 follows the vehicle accelerating to 150kph. AP briefly taps the brakes, then continues to drive at a high speed through the red light at the intersection. AP drives in the centre of both lanes before veering towards the shoulder. AP lines up behind a semi-truck and trailer which is merging into the driving lane from the north shoulder of Highway 190. AP collides with the trailer and comes to a stop. AP was transported to HSC by EMS where they were pronounced deceased. Winnipeg Police Service attended the scene to complete Forensic Collision Reconstruction and investigate. RCMP FCR assisted Winnipeg Police Service in these duties.*

As this matter concerned a fatality, the IIU assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with Sec. 65(4) of The Police Services Act. IIU investigators were assigned to this investigation.

IIU investigators obtained the following information from the RCMP, among other items:

- WatchGuard video
- notes, narratives and summaries from law enforcement
- crash data
- autopsy and scene photos
- traffic analyst collision report

The civilian director designated one RCMP officer as the subject officer (SO1). One civilian witness (CW1) provided information relevant to the incident.

## **Facts and Circumstances**

### **Scene Examination**

IIU conducted a scene examination July 31, 2024. As the incident occurred on the highway, no further canvassing was required.

## **Interviews**

### **Civilian Witness 1 (CW1)**

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CW1 declined an interview with IIU investigators; however, CW1 had already met with WPS on July 31, 2024 and provided the following information:

CW1 was the driver of the semi-truck on the date of the incident. CW1 noticed two vehicles in his rear-view mirror – one was a police vehicle with its lights activated.

CW1 noted that he was driving westbound in the right-hand lane when AP's vehicle came up behind his semi-truck and crashed into the rear of his truck. CW1 noted that AP's vehicle struck the semi-truck very hard and shook the entire vehicle.

CW1 noted that SO1 came to CW1's cabin door and asked if he was alright. CW1 noted he was sore but otherwise okay.

#### Subject Officer 1 (SO1)

In accordance with their rights, SO1 declined an interview with IIU investigators.

#### Other evidence

From reviewing the WatchGuard video, in connection with the traffic analyst collision report, the following evidence can be seen:

- SO1 had activated the emergency lights on his vehicle while travelling behind AP's vehicle.
- AP's vehicle did not stop upon SO1 activating the emergency lights and sirens.
- Just prior to the collision, AP's vehicle accelerated, was travelling at high rate of speed and did not brake.

Autopsy results stated that the cause of death was pontomedullary transection due to a motor vehicle collision. Toxicology results stated that there was nothing of significance detected in AP's blood at the time of the incident.

#### Conclusion

The IIU's mandate is to determine whether any police officer, by action or inaction, contributed in any way to the death of AP. Based on the circumstances and in consideration of all the available evidence, there is nothing to support a conclusion that there is any level of contribution by any police officer to cause of AP's death, either by action or inaction.

Therefore, no charges are recommended and the IIU investigation is now completed and closed.