



**IN THE MATTER OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO A SERIOUS INJURY DURING A  
BRANDON POLICE SERVICE ARREST**

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

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## **Introduction**

On Feb. 20, 2025, the Brandon Police Service (BPS) notified the Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) of an incident.

The written notification disclosed the following information:

Written excerpt from Part 7 Notification received on Feb. 26, 2025:

*Jan. 9, 2025, police received a Form 2 warrant under the Mental Health Act for an involuntary assessment for the affected person. Police attended to locate the AP.*

*As police approached to door, they observed the AP holding two large rocks approximately the size of footballs. He was advised that he was under arrest under the Mental Health Act. AP indicated that police could not be arrested and turned and retreated back into the residence. Police confronted the AP in the living room and removed the rocks from AP's hands. AP tensed up and would not cooperate with placing his hands behind his back. Struggle ensued on the ground and AP still did not comply. One officer delivered a knee strike to AP at which time AP indicated he would comply. While attempting to gain control of the AP, he quickly stood up. The police delivered two knee strikes to AP's left thigh. AP placed his hand behind his back and was handcuffed. AP complained about pain in his ribs and indicated "you broke my ribs". Transported to hospital and was taken for X-rays on his ribs.*

As this matter concerned serious injuries during an arrest, the IIU assumed responsibility for the investigation in accordance with Sec. 66(4) of The Police Services Act. IIU investigators were assigned to this investigation.

The civilian director deferred the designation of any officers until more information was received through the investigation. This decision was later re-evaluated, and no officers were ever designated.

## **Summary of Interview**

### **Affected Person**

AP was interviewed by IIU investigators on Feb. 26, 2025, and provided the following information:

AP confirmed in the interview that his ribs were not broken by the officers when they arrested him under the Mental Health Act.

## **Conclusion**

After reviewing the information received from the BPS and AP, the evidence does not demonstrate that AP suffered a serious injury as defined in the IIU Regulations. The incident no longer meets the IIU's mandate. Therefore, there is no further need for the IIU to investigate this incident, and the matter will now be considered concluded.

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