

IIU concludes investigation into off-duty incident involving DOPS officer

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into an off-duty incident involving an officer from the Dakota Ojibway Police Service (DOPS), now known as the Manitoba First Nations Police Service.

On July 5, 2017, DOPS notified the IIU it had received information alleging an off-duty DOPS officer had brandished a knife toward the affected person (AP) during an altercation at a private residence several weeks earlier.

The civilian director determined it was in the public interest for an independent investigation to be conducted pursuant to Sec. 75 of the Police Services Act.

One subject officer was designated. Investigators also interviewed the AP and nine civilian witnesses. The investigative file was forwarded to Manitoba Prosecution Service for a Crown opinion.

In considering all the circumstances, particularly conflicting evidence, the lack of memory of witnesses and the Crown opinion that the prosecution standard has not been met and there is no likelihood of conviction, no charges are recommended against the subject officer. Accordingly, the matter is now closed.

The civilian director's complete report is available at www.iumanitoba.ca.

The details of the investigation were first announced on July 7, 2017.

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