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## **IIU concludes investigation into motor vehicle collision No charges against off-duty WPS officer who injured pedestrian**

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into a pedestrian/motor vehicle collision that occurred near Portage Avenue and Langside Street in October. The IIU has determined no charges should be laid against the off-duty officer who was driving the vehicle.

The officer was travelling in his personal vehicle eastbound on Portage the morning of October 10. A 46-year-old woman was walking southbound across Portage when the light turned green to eastbound traffic. The woman started jogging across the street but was unable to see the officer's approaching car in the curb lane because her view was obstructed by a transit bus in the second lane from the curb. Likewise, the officer's view of the pedestrian was also blocked by the transit bus.

IIU investigators interviewed several civilian witnesses--including the driver of the transit bus who had a clear view of the accident--and reviewed forensic analysis of the accident scene and closed circuit video from a nearby business and from the bus.

Based on the evidence, IIU Civilian Director Zane Tessler determined the collision occurred as a direct result of the pedestrian crossing the four eastbound lanes of Portage Avenue, outside of a nearby designated crosswalk, while traffic had a green light for eastbound travel. He added there was no evidence of bad driving on the part of the subject officer and it was impossible for him to avoid hitting the pedestrian.

The civilian director's complete report on this investigation is available online at [www.iiumanitoba.ca](http://www.iiumanitoba.ca)

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