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WPS officer faces charge following IIU investigation into alleged assault

A member of the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) has been charged with assault causing bodily harm following an investigation by the Independent Investigation Unit (IIU). The incident occurred in 2017 and involved the alleged assault of a 32-year-old male by an off-duty member of the WPS.

The IIU issued its initial news release on June 4, 2018, advising it had taken over an investigation into an allegation that on March 27, 2017, during the course of an arrest, an off-duty officer punched and kned the affected person, causing a number of head injuries.

The IIU has conducted a thorough and independent investigation into the circumstances of the incident, and Civilian Director Zane Tessler has determined there are reasonable and probable grounds to believe a criminal offence occurred.

On January 14, Patrol Sergeant Sean Cassidy met with IIU investigators and was notified of the charge. He was issued a summons and will appear in Provincial Court in Winnipeg on March 11, 2019.

As this matter is now before the Court, the IIU will not make any further comment on its investigation.

The IIU investigates all serious incidents involving police officers in Manitoba, whether occurring on or off duty. For more information about the IIU, visit www.iiumanitoba.ca.

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