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IIU concludes investigation into perjury allegation of WPS officer

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into an allegation of perjury by a Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) officer in January 2018.

On Aug. 22, 2019, the WPS notified the IIU of an incident involving allegations that an officer committed perjury by intentionally failing to disclose surveillance results on a target when he completed an Information to Obtain a Search Warrant in January 2018.

As the allegation of perjury is a prescribed offence under IIU regulation 99/2015, the IIU assumed responsibility and IIU investigators were assigned to this matter.

The civilian director designated one subject officer and thirteen witness officers. The IIU conducted a thorough investigation, which included interviews and reviewing supplied materials.

The civilian director at the time gave due consideration to all circumstances and did a thorough review of all evidence and material facts obtained, and determined the actions of the subject officer did not amount to an offence of perjury under the Criminal Code. Accordingly, this matter is now closed.

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

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