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IIU investigating death while in police custody

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating the death of a suspect that occurred at a police station in Winnipeg.

According to the notification received from the Winnipeg Police Service, on April 16, 2019 at approximately 7:15 p.m., police arrested a 56-year-old male on Main Street in relation to two allegations of assault. The male was transported to North District station on Hartford Avenue, where he was placed in a holding room while officers processed him on those charges. At 10:15 p.m., officers entered the holding room and found the male unresponsive. The male was transported to hospital in critical condition but was pronounced deceased a short time later.

The IIU has assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with section 65(1) of *The Police Services Act*. As this matter involves a fatality, a request for a civilian monitor will be made to the Manitoba Police Commission.

The IIU investigates all serious incidents involving police officers in Manitoba, whether occurring on or off duty.

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