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IIU concludes investigation into allegations of excessive force during an arrest by RCMP officers

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into allegations of excessive force and alleged injuries during the arrest of a male by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

On June 13, 2019, RCMP notified the IIU of injuries to a male following his arrest on the afternoon of April 19, 2019. Two RCMP officers attended the male's home, following a complaint from the male's neighbour that the male had threatened and harassed her. While interviewing the male, he became belligerent and issued a verbal threat against the neighbour. The male was advised that he was under arrest because of the threat. He resisted, and following a struggle, was handcuffed by the two officers. Both officers suffered cuts during the struggle, and the male had an abrasion to his forehead and left hand.

As the reported injury met the definition of serious injury as defined by regulation, an investigation by the IIU was mandated.

The IIU interviewed the affected male and a female who shared the residence with the male. The IIU also interviewed the two subject officers and reviewed the officers' reports and RCMP radio communications. In addition, they reviewed photographs of the male's injuries and his medical reports from St. Boniface General Hospital.

Following its investigation, IIU referred its findings to Manitoba Prosecution Service (MPS) to seek an opinion on whether any charges should be laid against the RCMP officers. MPS stated that following their review, it determined that the prosecution standard had not been met, and there was no reasonable likelihood of conviction. Accordingly, MPS would not authorize any charges against the officers.

The IIU's investigation is now complete and the matter is now closed.



The civilian director's complete report is available online at www.iumanitoba.ca. The details of this investigation were first announced on September 16, 2019.

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