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IIU concludes its investigation into allegations of an RCMP officer operating a motor vehicle while impaired and committing other Highway Traffic Act offences

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into allegations of an RCMP officer operating a motor vehicle while impaired and committing other Highway Traffic Act offences.

On June 12, 2019, RCMP notified the IIU of an allegation that on June 9, 2019, an RCMP officer was alleged to have operated a motor vehicle while his ability to do so was impaired by alcohol, near Niverville, Manitoba. The IIU civilian director determined it was in the public interest to investigate the allegations.

The IIU interviewed seven RCMP witness officers and reviewed the witness officers' notes. The IIU also reviewed audio recordings of the dispatch, a screenshot of the original text message sent by the subject officer, photographs of the Approved Screening Device test result, which provided a warning reading respecting the range of the subject's blood alcohol level, and related reports and narratives.

Following completion of the investigation, the civilian director forwarded the IIU investigative file to the Manitoba Prosecution Service (MPS). The director requested a review and opinion on whether any Criminal Code or other provincial statutory offences would be authorized against the subject officer. MPS advised that this matter did not meet the prosecution-charging standard, and accordingly, MPS would not authorize any Criminal Code or any provincial statutory offences against the subject officer.

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

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

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