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## **IIU concludes its investigation into an allegation of excessive force during an arrest by RCMP officers**

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

On August 20, 2019, RCMP notified the IIU of an incident it responded to on August 17<sup>th</sup> regarding a male in an altercation with a store manager. Officers were directed to a town park, where they located the male and attempted to take him into custody. After a prolonged struggle, officers were able to restrain and arrest the male.

Although this concerns a discretionary matter under The Police Services Act, based on the nature of the allegations, the IIU's civilian director determined it was in the public interest for the IIU to investigate the complaint. IIU investigators interviewed one witness officer, and reviewed two video recordings of the affected person's arrest. Attempts to interview the affected person and four additional civilian witnesses were unsuccessful.

All of the evidence and information gathered suggests officers acted within their legal authority and did not use unnecessary, improper or excessive force. It should also be noted that the affected person has never personally alleged any injuries sustained, wrongdoing or excessive force by RCMP officers during the arrest.

The IIU's civilian director has concluded there is no further requirement to continue with this investigation. The matter is now closed.

The civilian director's complete report is available online at [www.iiumanitoba.ca](http://www.iiumanitoba.ca).

The details of this investigation were first announced on September 16, 2019.



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