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IIU concludes investigation into injury following police pursuit in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into an injury following a police pursuit in Winnipeg.

On September 1, 2020, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) advised the IIU of an incident that occurred earlier that morning just after midnight. According to the notification, WPS was notified by the RCMP that they were in pursuit of a stolen vehicle wanted in conjunction with a rural residential break and enter where firearms were used. RCMP advised WPS that the suspect vehicle was now inside city limits. WPS began pursuing the vehicle at the intersection of Lagimodiere Boulevard and Dugald Road.

The suspect drove the vehicle into a ditch in the area of Lagimodiere Boulevard and Grassie Boulevard. Two suspects fled the vehicle. One was arrested after a brief foot pursuit. The other individual was eventually located on Mahonee Drive. He had a laceration on his ear, and was transported to Health Sciences Centre for that injury. He was subsequently admitted to hospital for a possible collapsed lung.

As this matter met the definition of a serious injury as defined in IIU regulation 99/2015, IIU assumed responsibility for this mandatory investigation in accordance with section 66 of The Police Services Act (PSA). A team of IIU investigators was assigned to this investigation.

The IIU civilian director designated two officers as subject officers, and five officers as witness officers. IIU investigators met with and interviewed the affected person (AP) and three civilian witnesses. A physician with the Chief Medical Examiner's (CME) office also provided an opinion on the likely cause of the injuries sustained by AP.

Information obtained by IIU investigators included:

- Incident History Report;
- WPS officers' notes and narrative reports;
- Forensic Identification Report;

- Use of Force Report;
- AP medical report;
- WPS radio transmissions recordings;
- WPS use of force policy

The civilian director did not find reasonable grounds to justify the laying of any criminal code or other offence against either officer.

The investigation is now complete and the matter is closed. The civilian director's complete report is available online at www.iumanitoba.ca. The details of this investigation were first announced on September 2, 2020.

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