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## **IIU Concludes Investigation into Serious Injuries Related to WPS Arrest**

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has completed its investigation into the circumstances surrounding the arrest of a 25 year-old male that resulted in serious injuries.

On Tuesday, September 22, 2020, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) advised the IIU of an incident that occurred on Monday, September 21 at approximately 11:06 PM in the area of Assiniboine Avenue and Kennedy Street. According to this notification, officers conducted a traffic stop when the male driver subsequently fled in his vehicle. Police engaged in a traffic pursuit, which ended at Assiniboine Avenue and Kennedy Street. The male exited his vehicle and fled towards the river. Officers engaged in a foot pursuit. A Taser was deployed, striking the male and causing him to fall face first on the gravel river path. He was taken into custody and subsequently transported to Health Sciences Centre, where he was treated for a broken wrist and possible broken ribs. As these injuries fall within the definition of serious injury pursuant to IIU regulation 99/2015, the IIU was mandated to investigate, and a team of investigators was assigned.

Two officers were designated as subject officers, and IIU investigators interviewed the affected person, seven witness officers and four members of the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service. Investigators also reviewed:

- CAD dispatch records;
- WPS radio transmissions;
- NICHE reports summary;
- narrative reports and notes of WPS officers;
- CEW data download;
- WPS Prisoner Injury Report for subject officer one;
- cell phone video provided by the affected person; and
- medical information about the affected person, which was provided with his consent.

The investigative file was referred to Manitoba Prosecution Service (MPS) for a Crown opinion, and MPS did not recommend any criminal charges against the officers involved, therefore no charges are being laid.

The investigation is now complete and the matter is closed. The affected person remains before the court on charges arising out of this incident. The civilian director's report on the IIU investigation will be available following disposition of the charges.



The details of this investigation were first announced on September 24, 2020.

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