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IIU concludes investigation into fatal motor vehicle collision in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the circumstances surrounding a fatal motor vehicle collision in Winnipeg.

On September 26, 2020, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) advised the IIU of an incident that occurred at 1:33 p.m. According to the notification, a WPS traffic unit attempted a traffic stop. The suspects fled in their vehicle, which collided with a vehicle carrying four individuals at the intersection of Boyd Avenue and Andrews Street moments later. All individuals involved in the collision were conveyed to various hospitals. Tragically, two occupants of the Dodge Caravan (a mother and her infant son) lost their lives in the collision.

The IIU assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with section 66(4) of The Police Services Act. As this matter involved a fatality, a request for a civilian monitor was made to the Manitoba Police Commission.

IIU investigators interviewed the occupants of the pickup truck, the driver of the Caravan, two witness officers, 15 civilian witnesses and a WPS traffic collision analyst. Additional information reviewed by IIU investigators included:

- WPS Homicide Investigative Summary
- CAD dispatch records
- WPS radio transmissions
- GPS records for police vehicle
- Drone images of the crash scene at Boyd Avenue and Andrews Street
- Video footage taken from various locations on Boyd Avenue and Main Street
- WPS Forensic Identification Service (FIS) reports and photographs of scene
- WPS Collision Analyst report

The civilian director did not find evidence to support a conclusion that any police officer contributed to the cause of the collision and resulting deaths and injuries.

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 September 28, 2020.

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