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IIU investigating serious injury during WPS arrest

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating circumstances surrounding the arrest of an adult male by the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) that may have resulted in him sustaining a dislocated elbow, fractured tibia and fibula.

On August 11, 2020, the WPS advised the IIU of an incident that occurred on February 18, 2020, in the area of McPhillips Street and Jarvis Avenue. According to the notification, officers responded to a report of a male operating a stolen vehicle on McPhillips Street. The male attempted to evade police and the stolen vehicle collided with a taxi in the area of McPhillips Street and Jarvis Avenue. The male was removed from the vehicle, handcuffed and subsequently transported to Health Sciences Centre, where he was diagnosed with a dislocated elbow and bruising, and released. The male was detained in custody.

WPS further report that on August 10, 2020 they received correspondence from the Law Enforcement Review Agency (LERA) advising that, as a result of a complaint they received, LERA had secured medical evidence that indicated the male also suffered fractures to his right tibia and fibula that may have occurred during the course of his arrest.

As a fracture to the tibia and fibula is defined as a serious injury under the IIU regulations, the IIU is mandated to investigate.

Witnesses or other individuals who have information or video footage that may assist this investigation are asked to contact the IIU toll free at 1-844-667-6060.

The investigation is ongoing so no further details will be provided at this time.

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