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## **IIU investigating serious injuries during RCMP arrest**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating circumstances surrounding serious injuries sustained by an adult male during his arrest.

On July 9, 2021, RCMP advised the IIU of an incident that occurred early that morning, where an adult male, alleged to be in contravention of a release order, was placed under arrest. The male resisted and refused to get in the police vehicle. The male was eventually placed in the cruiser car and then transported to the detachment. When the male complained of having trouble breathing, he was transported to the Portage La Prairie General Hospital, where he was examined. He was returned the following day for x-Rays, which revealed a collapsed lung and multiple fractured ribs.

As a collapsed lung and fractured ribs are defined as serious injuries under IIU regulations, the IIU is mandated to investigate.

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

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