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Case Number: 2021-0062

IIU concludes investigation into man's death in officer-involved shooting in Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into a fatal officer-involved shooting that occurred in the Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone.

On December 15, 2021, the RCMP advised the IIU of the incident, which occurred at 8:50 a.m. According to the notification, police responded to a call for service regarding an individual who had been stabbed in the Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone. Officers immediately responded, conducted patrols in the area and encountered the male suspect. There was a confrontation resulting in the male suspect being shot. He was pronounced deceased a short time later.

As this matter concerned the death of a person that may have resulted from the actions of a police officer(s), the IIU assumed responsibility for this mandatory investigation in accordance with section 65(4) of the Police Services Act (PSA), and investigators were assigned.

Further, as this matter involved the death of a person, the IIU also requested a civilian monitor be appointed by the Manitoba Police Commission in accordance with section 70(1) of the PSA.

RCMP file information and other material obtained by IIU investigators included:

- RCMP occurrence summary;
- RCMP members' notes and narratives;
- RCMP members' supplementary reports;
- audio of 911 telephone call to RCMP;
- audio recordings of RCMP radio communications;
- Forensic Identification Service reports;
- photographs of the scene, individuals and exhibits;
- video recording of the shooting scene;

- pathology and toxicology reports concerning the affected person;
- firearm report concerning subject officer's service firearm;
- firearm training summary and qualification test results of the subject officer; and
- expert opinion report on the use of lethal force.

The RCMP member who discharged his firearm was designated as the subject officer and nine officers were designated as witness officers. IIU investigators also met with and interviewed (or reviewed interviews) six civilian witnesses, although none witnessed the shooting.

The civilian director found no reasonable grounds to support any charges against the subject officer. Accordingly, the matter is now closed.

The civilian director's complete report is available online at www.iiumanitoba.ca.

The details of the investigation were first announced on December 16, 2021.

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