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Case Number 2022-0006

IIU concludes investigation into serious injury to male during interaction with WPS

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the circumstances surrounding a serious injury sustained by an adult male during an interaction with Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) officers.

On February 18, 2022, WPS reported an incident to the IIU that occurred on February 17 at approximately 10:17 p.m. According to the notification, officers attended a residence on Carriage Road in response to a call for service. Upon arrival, a male became belligerent and aggressive with police and force was used to subdue him. The male was taken into custody and subsequently transported to hospital, where it was determined he had sustained a fractured humerus. As a fractured humerus is defined as a serious injury under IIU regulation, the IIU was mandated to investigate and investigators were assigned.

Information obtained and reviewed by investigators included:

- WPS officers' notes and narratives;
- WPS use of force report;
- call history;
- audio recordings of WPS radio communications;
- video surveillance footage;
- medical reports concerning the affected person;
- Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service report; and
- order for involuntary medical examination and notice to person in custody.

The civilian director designated one WPS officer as the subject officer and three WPS officers as witness officers. IIU investigators met with and interviewed the affected person and four civilian witnesses. Investigators also consulted with the chief medical examiner for the province to obtain medical opinions on the likely cause of the affected person's injury.

The civilian director found no reasonable grounds to justify the laying of any charges against the subject officer.

Accordingly, the matter is now closed. The civilian director's complete report is available online at www.iumanitoba.ca.

The details of this investigation were first announced on February 22, 2022.

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