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IIU investigating after WPS deploy “less lethal” firearm

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating after Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) used a “less lethal” firearm to subdue a female, resulting in minor injuries.

On March 22, WPS notified the IIU of an incident occurring that same day involving the discharge of a firearm. According to the notification, WPS received a call for service at 6:06 p.m. involving a female on a transit bus armed with a knife. The female fled the transit bus and entered a business on Main Street. Officers located the female at 870 Main Street. Attempts were made to have the female comply with their requests to drop the weapon but she refused to comply. WPS officers deployed pepper spray, a less lethal firearm and conducted energy weapon (“taser”) to subdue and arrest her. The female was transported to Health Sciences Centre where she was treated for minor injuries and released into custody.

In accordance with the Police Services Act and regulations, any injury resulting from the use of a firearm is deemed a serious injury and, as such, results in a mandatory investigation by IIU.

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, no further details will be provided at this time.

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