

June 23, 2022

Case Number: 2022-0032

IIU investigates death in police presence in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating the death of a male that occurred in police presence on June 23, 2022 on Henrietta Avenue in Winnipeg.

On June 23, 2022, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an incident that occurred earlier today at 12:30 a.m. According to the notification, WPS officer responded to a call for service from the Crisis Response Centre regarding the wellbeing of a male. Officers attended and located a male armed with a knife. Officers attempted to de-escalate the situation but during the course of negotiations the male suffered a self-inflicted knife wound. In an effort to prevent further injury to the male officers attempted to restrain the individual. During this encounter a Taser was deployed. Officers gained control of the male and initiated emergency first aid efforts. Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service attended and assisted officers. The male was transported to Health Sciences Centre where he was subsequently pronounced deceased.

The IIU has assumed responsibility for the investigation into the death of the male in accordance with section 65(1) of the Police Services Act. As this matter involves a fatality, the IIU has requested a civilian monitor from the Manitoba Police Commission.

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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