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Case Number 2022-0041

## **IIU concludes investigation into man's death in officer-involved shooting in Winnipeg**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into a man's death in an officer-involved shooting in Winnipeg.

On August 27, 2022, the IIU was notified by the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) of an incident that occurred at approximately 2:12 a.m. that same day. According to the notification, at approximately 1:50 a.m., WPS officers were conducting a traffic enforcement checkstop in the vicinity of the 1400 block of Portage Avenue at Empress Street. A 2021 Chevrolet Camaro SS, with a lone male driver, failed to slow or stop at the checkstop, contrary to the directions of officers on the roadway, and continued westbound on Portage Avenue. As the subject vehicle proceeded southbound onto Kenaston Boulevard, the WPS helicopter began monitoring it near Bishop Grandin Boulevard. Two single-occupied WPS cruisers attended to the residence of the registered owner of the subject vehicle as it pulled into the rear of the residence at approximately 2:12 a.m. The male driver of the subject vehicle stopped, retrieved a weapon, and advanced on foot towards the WPS officers.

The officers discharged their service firearms, striking the male several times. Medical attention was immediately provided and the male was conveyed to Health Sciences Centre, where he succumbed to his injuries.

As any injury caused by the discharge of a firearm by a police officer is defined as a serious injury under IIU regulations, the IIU was mandated to investigate. A team of investigators was deployed. WPS file information and other material obtained included:

- WPS investigative summary report;
- WPS officers' notes and narratives;
- WPS officers' supplementary reports;
- audio recordings of WPS radio communications;
- Forensic Identification Service reports;

- photographs of scene and exhibits;
- WPS helicopter video recording;
- conducted energy weapon (CEW) logs and analysis reports; and
- pathology and toxicology reports concerning the affected person.

The civilian director designated the two WPS officers who discharged their firearms as subject officers and four WPS officers as witness officers. Investigators also met with and interviewed four civilian witnesses.

The civilian director found no reasonable grounds to support any charges against the subject officers. Accordingly, this matter is now closed and the civilian director's complete report is available online at [www.iiumanitoba.ca](http://www.iiumanitoba.ca).

The details of the investigation were first announced on August 29, 2022.

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