

IIU concludes investigation into serious injury surrounding an arrest by Winnipeg Police Service

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the circumstances surrounding the arrest of an adult male who sustained a serious injury.

On Aug. 29, 2022, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an incident that had occurred on Aug. 19, 2022. According to the notification, at approximately 8:53 p.m., officers attended a residence in the 400 block of Dufferin Avenue in response to a call for service concerning an adult male attacking people. Officers detained the male under the Intoxicated Persons Detention Act and transported him to Main Street Project, at which time he became unco-operative and attempted to kick an officer. A brief use-of-force encounter ensued. Paramedics conducted a medical assessment and suspected the male had a broken left arm. The male was transported to Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg, where he was diagnosed with a broken humerus.

As this matter concerned a serious injury as defined in the IIU regulations, the IIU assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with Sec. 66 (4) of the Police Services Act. IIU investigators were assigned to this investigation. One subject officer and six witness officers were designated. Investigators obtained statements from the affected person, two civilian witnesses and two professional witnesses.

Following due consideration of all the circumstances, including a lack of evidence to indicate when or how the affected person's arm was broken, the civilian director concluded there were no reasonable or probable grounds to believe the male's serious injury resulted from his interactions with the police officers. Therefore, no charges are recommended against any of the officers. The IIU investigation is completed and the matter is now closed.

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

The details of the investigation were first announced on Aug. 30, 2022.

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