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Case Number 2022-0045

IIU concludes investigation into circumstances surrounding fatal collision in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into a fatal motor vehicle collision at Grey Street and Munroe Avenue in Winnipeg.

On Sept. 13, 2022, Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an incident that occurred on Sept. 12, 2022, around 11:30 p.m. while officers were patrolling in the area of Munroe Avenue. According to the notification, WPS officers observed a vehicle accelerating northbound on Grey Street. Officers observed a second vehicle stopped at a four-way stop and activated emergency equipment in hopes of averting a collision. The two vehicles collided, and the first vehicle struck a hydro pole. WPS immediately attended to the collision scene. Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service attended and transported all individuals to Health Sciences Centre. A male driver and a male passenger from the first vehicle were transported in unstable condition. A third male passenger was transported in critical condition and succumbed to his injuries. The driver of the second vehicle did not sustain any injuries.

Information obtained by IIU investigators included:

- WPS Investigative Summary;
- witness officers' notes and reports;
- civilian witness interviews;
- WPS radio transmissions;
- 911 telephone audio recordings;
- GPS records for police vehicle;
- video surveillance footage taken from various locations on Grey Street;
- WPS Forensic Identification Service reports and photographs of the scene;
- WPS collision analyst report;
- speed analysis report;
- medical and toxicology reports; and
- autopsy report.

IIU investigators also interviewed one civilian witness and one officer. After a thorough investigation, the civilian director found no actions by any police officer caused the collision and consequent death and injuries that resulted.

The investigation is now complete, and the matter is closed.

The affected persons remain before the court on charges arising out of this incident. The civilian director's report on the IIU investigation will be made available following the disposition of the charges.

The details of the investigation were first announced on Sept. 14, 2022.

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