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IIU discontinues investigation into serious injury to male during arrest by RCMP officers in Shamattawa

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has discontinued its investigation into an incident in which a male sustained a serious injury during an altercation with RCMP officers during his arrest in Shamattawa.

On December 24, 2022, RCMP reported an incident to the IIU that occurred on December 23, 2022. According to the notification, on December 23, 2022 at approximately 9 p.m. RCMP responded to a call for service on Riverside Road in Shamattawa. Upon arrival, officers located a male suspect who attempted to flee on foot. As the suspect was fleeing, he slipped and was taken to the ground by one of the officers. After the arrest, the male advised that he was injured. He was transported to the nursing station where it was later determined that he had suffered a dislocated hip. The male was transported to Thompson General Hospital for treatment.

Based on the original notification, it was alleged that the affected person had sustained a serious injury and therefore the IIU was required to assume responsibility for a mandatory investigation pursuant to section 66(4) of the Police Services Act. IIU investigators were assigned.

The affected person provided IIU investigators with a signed medical consent release permitting the receipt and review of his medical records and reports. Upon review of his medical records, it was determined that he did not sustain any injury that would be defined as a serious injury by IIU regulation 99/2015.

Following a review of the nature and circumstances of the arrest, the civilian director has determined that he is unable to conclude that the public interest would demand an independent investigation be conducted by the IIU or that there is a need or purpose for the IIU to monitor any police service investigation.

Accordingly, the original investigation has been discontinued and the matter is now closed.

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