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IIU concludes investigation into death of adult male in police presence in Bloodvein

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the death of an adult male in police presence in Bloodvein.

On March 8, 2023, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) notified the IIU of an incident that occurred on March 7, 2023, at approximately 2:20 p.m. According to the notification, RCMP officers received a call for service regarding an intoxicated person. Officers arrived at the residence and found the adult male lying face down on the floor. Officers moved him into the recovery position. Because there were no emergency medical services in the area, the officers carried the male to their vehicle and drove him to the nursing station for treatment. Upon arrival, the male was unresponsive and pronounced deceased.

The IIU assumed responsibility for the investigation in accordance with Sec. 65(1) of the Police Services Act. IIU investigators were assigned to this investigation. Two witness officers were designated. Investigators also interviewed three civilian witnesses.

Following due consideration of all the circumstances and evidence, the civilian director concluded the actions of the officers were reasonable and no charges were recommended. Therefore, the IIU investigation is completed and the matter is now closed.

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

The details of the investigation were first announced on Mar. 10, 2023.

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