

May 8, 2023 Case Number: 2023-0028

IIU investigating injuries related to BPS arrest

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating the circumstances surrounding the arrest of a male that resulted in him sustaining injuries.

On May 4, 2023, Brandon Police Service (BPS) reported the following incident to the IIU. According to the notification, on May 3 at approximately 6:44 a.m., BPS officers were called to an address in the 500 block of 7th Street concerning a report of an individual who locked themselves inside a storage room and refused to leave. When police arrived, they observed a male exiting the room armed with a metal crowbar and knife. After a brief struggle, the male was arrested. Following arrival at the cells, the male complained a BPS officer had assaulted him during his arrest.

The IIU civilian director has determined it is in the public interest for the IIU to investigate.

Witnesses or other individuals who have information or video footage that may assist this investigation are asked to contact the IIU toll-free at 1-844-667-6060.

The investigation is ongoing so no further details will be provided at this time.

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