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IIU concludes investigation into death following an officer-involved shooting in Portage la Prairie

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the death of an adult male following an officer-involved shooting in Portage la Prairie.

On May 24, 2023, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police notified the IIU of an incident that had occurred earlier that day at approximately 1:07 a.m. According to the notification, officers attended a call for service regarding a domestic situation. Upon arrival, officers were confronted by a male acting erratically. A use-of-force encounter occurred and an officer discharged his service firearm, striking the male. Emergency first aid was administered, however, the male succumbed to his injuries.

The IIU assumed responsibility for the investigation in accordance with Sec. 65(4) of the Police Services Act. IIU investigators were assigned to this investigation. One subject officer and four witness officers were designated. Investigators also spoke to 13 civilian witnesses.

Following due consideration of all the circumstances, the civilian director concluded the use of lethal force was authorized and justified by law. 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 May 24, 2023.

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