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IIU concludes investigation into motor vehicle collision involving police vehicle in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into a motor vehicle collision involving a police vehicle.

On June 7, 2023, the Winnipeg Police Service notified the IIU of an incident that had occurred earlier that day. According to the notification, at approximately 4 a.m., officers observed a stolen pickup truck being driven in the area of Inkster Boulevard and St. Cross Street. The pickup truck crossed an intersection at a high rate of speed and collided with a police vehicle. The driver of the pickup truck did not comply with police commands and attempted to flee. A brief use-of-force encounter ensued, during which a conductive energy weapon was deployed. The driver was taken into custody and transported to the District 3 station, at which time officers noticed he had visible injuries. An ambulance was called and the driver was transported to Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg for treatment.

As this matter concerned a serious injury as defined under the IIU regulations, the IIU assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with Sec. 66(4) of the Police Services Act.

No subject officer was designated and eight witness officers were designated. Investigators also obtained statements from four civilian witnesses.

In considering all the circumstances, the civilian director concluded the officers' use of force was reasonable. Therefore, the IIU investigation is completed and the matter is now closed.

As an affected person remains before the court on charges arising from the incident, the civilian director's report on the incident will be made available once those charges are disposed.

The details of the investigation were first announced on June 7, 2023.

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