

July 13, 2023  
Case Number 2023-0041

## **IIU investigating after deployment of less lethal firearm by WPS**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating after Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) used a less lethal firearm to subdue a male, resulting in minor injuries.

On July 12, 2023, WPS notified the IIU of an incident that occurred on July 11, 2023 at approximately 11:57 p.m. , involving the discharge of a firearm. According to the notification, WPS officers responded to a 911 call to the front of a Shell gas station at 701 Portage Ave., concerning a male with a weapon behaving erratically. After being observed running through traffic on Portage Avenue, officers ordered the male to stop. The male refused to comply with requests to drop the weapon. A less lethal firearm was deployed and the male was taken into custody and treated for minor injuries.

In accordance with the Police Services Act and regulations, any injury resulting from the use of a firearm is deemed a serious injury and, as such, results in a mandatory investigation by IIU.

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, no further details will be provided at this time.

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