

IIU concludes investigation into serious injury sustained by adult female during arrest in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the circumstances surrounding a serious injury sustained by an adult female during an arrest in Winnipeg.

On Sept. 4, 2023, the Winnipeg Police Service notified the IIU of an incident. According to the notification, officers responded to a call for service at a residence on Beaumont Bay, regarding a combative female who had broke into a residence and was assaulting the occupants. Officers advised the affected person that she was under arrest and attempted to take her into custody. The woman resisted being arrested and a use-of-force encounter ensued. The officers and the woman fell to the floor and one of the officers landed the female's leg. An ambulance was requested and woman was transported to Concordia Hospital where she was diagnosed with a fractured right tibia.

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

The civilian director designated one subject officer and six witness officers. Investigators also obtained statements from the affected female and four civilian witnesses.

In considering all the circumstances, the civilian director concluded the actions of the subject officer were 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 Sept. 5, 2023.

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