

## **IIU concludes investigation into death while in police custody in Winnipeg**

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the circumstances surrounding the in-custody death of an adult man following his arrest in Winnipeg.

On Oct. 16, 2023, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an incident that resulted in the death of a male that occurred at 10:51 p.m. the previous day. According to the notification, WPS responded to a call for service in the 200 block of Sherbrook Street regarding a male acting erratically in traffic. During the arrest, the male began to have trouble breathing. The Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service was on-site for an unrelated incident and immediately provided medical care. The male was transported to Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg, where he was pronounced deceased.

As this matter involved an in-custody death during an arrest, the IIU assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with Sec. 66(4) of the Police Services Act. IIU investigators were assigned to the case. The civilian director designated two subject officers and four witness officers and 16 civilian witnesses also provided statements.

Following consideration of all the circumstances, the civilian director will not be authorizing charges. Therefore, no charges are recommended and the IIU investigation is now completed and closed.

The civilian director's complete report is available at [www.iumanitoba.ca](http://www.iumanitoba.ca).

The IIU first announced the investigation on Oct. 17, 2023.

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