

December 22, 2023
Case Number: 2023-0082

IIU investigating serious injury related to arrest in Winnipeg

On Dec. 22, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an incident resulting in a serious injury. According to the notification, on Dec. 21 at 3:05 p.m., members of the WPS received a call for service concerning suspicious circumstances, to the 1500 block of Ross Avenue West. Officers received information that the occupant of the address, an adult male, was wanted on three outstanding warrants of arrest.

Responding officers attended to the area of Keewatin Street and Pacific Avenue where, at approximately 3:27 p.m., they observed the suspect walking in the company of an unknown female. When officers attempted to take the suspect into custody, the male fled eastbound on Pacific Avenue, but was caught after a short foot pursuit. The male resisted arrest and a use of force encounter occurred where a conducted energy weapon was deployed. The male was taken into custody. The male complained of shortness of breath and dizziness, and paramedics were called to the scene. He was transported to the Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg for treatment and it was later determined that he had two fractured ribs.

Given the injuries meet the definition of a 'serious injury' under IIU regulations, the IIU is mandated to investigate.

Witnesses or other individuals who may 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 so no further details will be provided at this time.

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