

IIU concludes investigation into officer-involved shooting death in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the death of an adult male following an officer-involved shooting in Winnipeg.

On Dec. 28, 2023, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an incident that occurred at approximately 5:11 p.m. According to the notification, WPS members responded to a call for service at an apartment block on Furby Street at approximately 1:40 p.m. regarding a report of a male assaulting a female. Upon arrival, officers discovered three adults and a child were being held hostage by the male. The WPS tactical support team attended to the incident and a hostage rescue plan was initiated, which resulted in police officers discharging their firearms. The male succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. The hostages were unharmed.

A team of IIU investigators was immediately deployed. As this matter involved lethal force and a fatality, the IIU requested the Manitoba Police Commission appoint a civilian monitor. The IIU assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with Sec. 65(4) of the Police Services Act. IIU investigators were assigned to this investigation. Four subject officers and nine witness officers were designated. A civilian witness also provided a statement.

Following due consideration of all the circumstances, the civilian director will not be authorizing charges. Therefore, the IIU investigation is completed and the matter is now closed.

The civilian director's complete report is available at www.iumanitoba.ca.

The details of the investigation were first announced on Dec. 29, 2023.

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