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IIU concludes investigation into a serious injury during an incident in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the circumstances surrounding the arrest of an adult male in Winnipeg.

On Jan. 3, the Winnipeg Police Service notified the IIU of an incident that had occurred earlier that day. According to the notification, at approximately 11 a.m., officers responded to a call for service at an office in the 200 block of Provencher Boulevard regarding an agitated, aggressive male trying to harm himself with his partner nearby. Officers attempted to de-escalate the situation, but the affected person did not comply with their commands. A brief use of force encounter ensued. Aless-lethal firearm and a conductive energy weapon were deployed. The affected person was taken into custody and transported to Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg for treatment.

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

No subject or witness officers were designated. Investigators interviewed four professional witnesses. The affected person declined to provide a statement.

In considering all the circumstances, the civilian director concluded that the actions of the police officers were reasonable. Therefore, the IIU investigation is completed, and the matter is now closed.

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

The details of the investigation were first announced on Jan. 4, 2024.

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