

IIU concludes investigation into serious injury related to Winnipeg Police Service arrest

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

On June 17, 2024, the WPS notified the IIU of an incident involving an adult male who sustained a serious injury. According to the notification, on June 16, 2024, at approximately 8:20 p.m., officers were patrolling the 2000 block of Corydon Avenue when they observed a male yelling and leaving a store with merchandise. Officers ordered the male to stop but he continued to run. Officers pursued the male and a use-of-force encounter occurred, during which the male hit his head on the ground, rendering him unconscious. He was taken to hospital for a possible brain bleed. He was later released into police custody.

As this matter concerned injuries sustained during an arrest, the IIU assumed responsibility for the investigation in accordance with Sec. 65(4) of the Police Services Act. IIU investigators were assigned to this investigation. A subject officer and a witness officer were designated. Two civilian witnesses provided statements and investigators also spoke with the affected person.

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 June 17, 2024.

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