

IIU concludes investigation into injury related to an arrest in Portage la Prairie

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the circumstances surrounding the arrest of a male youth in Portage la Prairie.

On July 12, 2024, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) notified the IIU of an incident that resulted in an injury requiring medical attention. According to the notification, on July 6, 2024, at approximately 6:06 p.m., a member of the RCMP responded to reports of two males fighting, possibly with weapons, at the Tupper Street Bridge in Portage la Prairie. Upon arrival, the officer observed several males running from the scene. The officer was able to get close enough to one male and provide verbal commands, but the male refused to comply. The officer pulled the male to the ground and placed him under arrest. Following his arrest, the male complained of pain to his wrist. An ambulance was dispatched and transported the male to the Portage District General Hospital.

As this matter concerned potential injuries during an arrest of a male youth, the IIU assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with Sec. 75(1) of the Police Services Act. IIU investigators were assigned to this investigation. A subject officer and a witness officer were designated. 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 July 12, 2024.

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