

IIU concludes investigation into fatal motor vehicle collision after attempted traffic stop

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into a fatal motor vehicle collision on Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) 190 following an attempted traffic stop by Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

On July 31, 2024, the RCMP notified the IIU of an incident that occurred at approximately 4:40 p.m. that day. According to the notification, an officer observed a Honda Civic travelling 107 kilometres per hour (km/h) on PTH 190 (also known as CentrePort Canada Way), which has a 70 km/h speed limit. The officer activated emergency lights and attempted a traffic stop. Instead of pulling over, the driver accelerated, ran a red light at the intersection of CentrePort Canada Way and Sturgeon Road, and collided with a semi-truck. The adult female driver was transported to Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg, where she was pronounced deceased.

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. One subject officer and one civilian witness were designated.

Following due consideration of all the circumstances, there is no evidence to support a conclusion that a police officer caused the affected person's death, either by action or inaction. 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 Aug. 1, 2024.

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