

## **IIU investigating injuries related to arrest in Winnipeg**

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating the circumstances surrounding the arrest of an adult female in Winnipeg.

On Aug. 5, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of possible injuries sustained during an arrest on Aug. 3. According to the notification, on Aug. 3 at approximately 10:32 p.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Des Meurons Street and Goulet Street for the report of a female who was lying on the ground screaming and appeared to be intoxicated. Officers noted numerous visible facial injuries and called the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS). During the medical examination, the female assaulted WFPS personnel. Officers detained the female under the Intoxicated Persons Detention Act and transported the female to the Main Street Project, where the female assaulted officers and a use of force encounter occurred. The female was placed under arrest and transported to Winnipeg Police Service headquarters, where the female tried to bite one of the officers, and a second use-of-force encounter ensued. The woman was later released from police custody on a notice to appear.

On Aug. 5 at approximately 10:15 p.m., officers arrested the same female from a residence in the first block of Morrow Avenue after she had been in a verbal and physical dispute with the homeowner. Emergency personnel stationed at Winnipeg Police Service headquarters directed officers to take the female for further medical examination at Winnipeg Health Sciences Centre where a doctor noted a pre-existing spinal injury and numerous facial fractures.

The civilian director has determined it is in the public interest for the IIU to investigate.

Witnesses or individuals who have information or video footage that may assist the investigation are asked to contact the IIU toll-free at 1-844-667-6060.

The investigation is ongoing so no further details will be provided at this time.

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