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IIU concludes investigation into dog bite injury during MFNP arrest

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the circumstances surrounding a dog bite sustained during an arrest.

On Jan. 9, Manitoba First Nations Police Service (MFNPS) notified the IIU of an incident that occurred earlier that day at approximately 6 a.m. According to the notification, MFNPS officers were attempting to stop a vehicle involved in an earlier incident. The vehicle slid into a ditch and came to a stop, and a male was seen running from the vehicle. A K9 unit tracked the male to a house trailer, where he was hiding. The male threatened to shoot officers and displayed a weapon. While surrendering to police, the male lunged at members with an object in his hand. A K9 dog was deployed and bit the male.

Emergency medical services transported the male to Portage District General Hospital, where he received treatment for his injuries.

As this matter concerned injuries during an arrest, the IIU assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with Sec. 65(4) of the Police Services Act. IIU investigators were assigned to this investigation. The civilian director designated one subject officer and two witness officers. 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.

As an affected person remains before the court on charges arising from the incident, the civilian director's report on the incident will be made available once those charges are disposed.

The details of the investigation were first announced on Jan. 10.

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