

## **IIU investigating death of adult male after being in RCMP custody**

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating the circumstances surrounding a man who died after being in Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) custody.

On Jan. 20, the IIU was notified of an incident involving the death of an adult male. According to the notification, on Jan. 19 at approximately 7 p.m., the RCMP detachment in Kamsack, Sask., received a report of a missing adult male in the area of Madge Lake. The report suggested the missing male was not dressed for the weather.

RCMP members from Kamsack, Swan River, Russell, Roblin and Dauphin, along with conservation officers from Manitoba and Saskatchewan, attended the area to look for the missing male. A remotely piloted aircraft system located the male in the bush approximately 200 to 300 meters from officers. Members made it through difficult terrain to the male's location, where he was searched and placed in handcuffs for officer safety as there was an indication the male may have a weapon.

As he was carried from the bush, the male was breathing and had a pulse but once at the police vehicle, the male was reassessed and no longer had a pulse. CPR was initiated and emergency medical services transported the male to a hospital in Swan River. In the early morning hours of Jan. 20, police were informed the male had died.

The IIU has assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with Sec. 65(4) of the Police Services Act.

As this matter involves a fatality, the IIU will request the Manitoba Police Commission to appoint a civilian monitor. The investigation is ongoing so no further details will be provided at this time.

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.

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