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Case Number: 2025-0013

IIU concludes investigation into arrest by Brandon Police Service

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into serious injuries related to a Brandon Police Service (BPS) arrest of an adult male.

On Feb. 20, BPS reported an incident to the IIU that occurred on Jan. 9, at approximately 1:13 p.m. According to the notification, BPS members were executing an order under the Mental Health Act at a home in the 1400 block of Applewood Bay in Brandon. As police approached the door, they observed the male holding two large objects. Officers advised the male they were taking him into custody. He turned and retreated into the residence.

Police confronted the man in the living room. A struggle ensued and a use-of-force encounter occurred. Officers handcuffed the man and placed him into the rear of a police cruiser, where he complained about pain in his ribs and said they were broken. He was transported to Brandon Regional Health Centre for X-rays on his ribs and later turned over to police.

As this matter concerned serious injuries during an arrest, the IIU assumed responsibility for the investigation in accordance with Sec. 66(4) of the Police Services Act.

The civilian director deferred the designation of any officers as a subject officer until more information was received through the investigation. This decision was re-evaluated and no officers were designated.

After interviewing the affected male, it has been determined that the male did not suffer broken ribs.

Therefore, given the evidence does not demonstrate the affected person suffered a serious injury defined by the IIU regulations (99/15) as a result of interaction with police, this incident no longer meets the IIU's mandate.

Accordingly, there is no further need for the IIU to investigate this incident and the matter is considered closed.

The civilian director's complete report is available online at www.iumanitoba.ca.

The details of the investigation were first announced on Feb. 26.

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