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Case Number: 2025-0017

IIU investigating serious injuries related to an arrest in Lake St. Martin First Nation

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating the circumstances surrounding the serious injuries sustained by an adult male during his arrest by Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) officers.

On March 21, the RCMP notified the IIU of an incident that had occurred on March 19 at approximately 5 p.m. According to the notification, RCMP officers from the Gypsumville detachment attended Lake St. Martin First Nation to effect the arrest of an individual with an outstanding warrant for domestic violence. Officers located a vehicle in the ditch and observed the male flee on foot, from the scene of the collision. He ran into a residence, where a use-of-force encounter ensued, during which a conducted energy weapon was deployed.

The male was taken into custody and transported to the detachment, where he was assessed by emergency medical services. He was transported to Lakeshore General Hospital in Ashern and then transferred to Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg. The male reported being diagnosed with multiple facial fractures.

As these injuries meet the definition of a serious injury under IIU regulations, the IIU is mandated to investigate.

Witnesses or individuals who have information or video footage that may assist this 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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