

IIU concludes investigation into serious injuries related to Winnipeg Police Service arrest

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into serious injuries related to the arrest of an adult male in Winnipeg.

On May 24, 2025, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an incident that occurred on May 23, 2025, at approximately 5:56 p.m. According to the notification, WPS members were conducting a traffic stop in the 500 block of Spence Street. While speaking to a male cyclist, officers saw an edged weapon in plain view in one of his pockets. The male was placed under arrest for possessing a weapon and handcuffed but fled when he was being escorted to the cruiser car.

Officers pursued the male and saw him enter the intersection of Young Street and Sargent Avenue, at which time a vehicle grazed him, causing him to stumble but not fall. The male continued to flee in traffic and a use-of-force encounter occurred. The male fell on the roadway and hit his chin.

Officers immediately applied first aid and the male was subsequently transported to hospital for a laceration and two hairline fractures to his lower jaw.

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 one witness officer. 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 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 the charges are disposed.

The details of the investigation were first announced on March 24, 2025.



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