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Final report now available: IIU concludes investigation into serious injuries related to Winnipeg arrest

On Jan. 15, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) of an incident that occurred at approximately 6:30 p.m. that same day. According to the notification, WPS officers attended a residence on College Avenue to conduct a bail-compliance check on a male. While speaking with the male, officers determined that he was breaching the conditions of his release order.

Upon realizing he was being arrested, the male suddenly armed himself with an edged weapon and stabbed himself multiple times, while making statements indicating self-harm. A use-of-force encounter occurred, during which officers disarmed and secured the male and began life-saving measures. The male was taken to Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg in unstable condition.

As this matter concerned injuries during an arrest, the IIU assumed responsibility for the investigation in accordance with Sec 65(4) of the Police Services Act. IIU investigators were assigned to this investigation. The civilian director declined to designate a subject officer, but the director did designate two witness officers. One civilian witness provided a statement and investigators also spoke with the affected person.

The affected person had charges pending before the court as a result of this incident, which have now been disposed of. The IIU's final report is now available at www.iiumanitoba.ca.

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