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Case Number: 2026-0002

## **IIU investigating WPS arrest in Winnipeg**

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating the arrest of an adult male in Winnipeg.

On Feb. 27, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an incident that occurred on Feb. 12 at approximately 9:45 a.m. According to the notification, On Feb. 17, the WPS received a voicemail from a citizen reporting that he had recorded a video of police officers arresting a male. After a callback, the citizen subsequently forwarded the video to the WPS.

Upon review, officers confirmed that the video was recorded on Feb. 12. The footage shows an officer standing over a male lying prone on the ground. A second officer approaches, kneels and appears to strike the male in the head or shoulder area before applying handcuffs. The male is then assisted to his feet and escorted to the rear of a truck where a search is conducted. The officer is observed taking hold of the male by the hair and leading him to a marked cruiser that had arrived on scene. The officer then grips the male by the collar and belt and places him forcefully into the rear seat of the cruiser.

A review of the incident determined that on Feb. 12, members of the Manitoba Integrated Violent Offender Apprehension Unit attended an apartment in the 700 block of Notre Dame Avenue to arrest a male and a female, both of whom were wanted for robbery and aggravated assault. The male was also the subject of an unlawfully-at-large warrant.

Upon attending the residence, officers knocked on the door, which was answered by the female. During the interaction, the male attempted to flee through a rear window but was observed by police. The male was later located in the 700 block of Toronto Street. Officers attended that location, where the male was arrested, searched and subsequently taken into police custody. The civilian director has determined it is in the public interest for the IIU to investigate this matter.

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.

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