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Case Number: 2026-0003

## **IIU investigating complaint of assault at Winnipeg Police Service headquarters**

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating a complaint that an officer assaulted a man in custody at Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) headquarters.

On March 11, WPS notified the IIU of an incident that occurred on Jan. 1 at approximately 3 a.m. Officers arrested a man on Dec. 31, 2025, for a court order violation and lodged him at WPS headquarters. There was an interaction between the man and a police officer, in which he alleged he was assaulted.

The affected person reported the incident to the WPS Professional Standards Unit on Jan. 28. The investigation was held in abeyance pending the affected person's decision on whether to proceed.

The IIU civilian director has determined it is in the public interest for the IIU to investigate this matter.

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