

IIU investigating serious injuries sustained while in RCMP custody

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating serious injuries sustained by an adult male while in custody in Nelson House.

On May 4, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) notified the IIU of an incident that occurred on May 3, at approximately 11:13 a.m. According to the notification, Nelson House RCMP received a report of an intoxicated male lying on Manitoba Provincial Road 391. Upon arrival, officers located a male on the roadway exhibiting signs of intoxication.

The male was arrested for being intoxicated in a public place and was brought to Nelson House RCMP cells for lodging. During the lodging process, the male became agitated and refused to enter the cell. Members eventually placed him inside and, while attempting to close the cell door, the male grabbed the doorframe. The door caught his left ring finger, resulting in a laceration. Members provided first aid and the male was taken to the local nursing station. He was eventually transferred to Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg where he received further treatment.

As this incident involved serious injuries as defined under the IIU regulation, the IIU is mandated to investigate.

The investigation is ongoing, so no further details will be provided at this time.

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