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IIU investigating death of a male related to WPS arrest

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

On Aug. 30, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an incident that took place the same day at approximately 4:23 a.m. According to the notification, the WPS Communication Centre received simultaneous calls to 911 requesting that officers check on the well-being of a male in the 600 block of McMeans Avenue East. Multiple units were dispatched.

One of the calls to 911 indicated an adult male and female appeared to be under the influence of drugs. The male was observed walking up and down the street in an erratic manner and removing his clothes.

Officers arrived on scene and found the affected person naked and acting erratically. Numerous verbal attempts to gain compliance from the affected person were unsuccessful, and he fled from officers on foot towards the east side of a residence on McMeans Avenue East. Officers chased the affected person, who ignored numerous verbal warnings. A use-of-force encounter took place, which resulted in a conducted energy weapon being deployed. The affected person was taken into custody after a brief struggle and handcuffed.

One of the officers called for an ambulance because the affected person seemed agitated and disoriented. The affected person quickly became unresponsive, and officers began CPR until fire and ambulance personnel arrived. The affected person was subsequently transported to hospital in critical condition where he was pronounced deceased.

As this incident involved a fatality, the IIU is mandated to investigate it.

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.

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

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