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IIU investigating serious injuries related to WPS arrest

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating serious injuries sustained by an adult male during his arrest by Winnipeg Police Service (WPS).

On Sept. 1, WPS notified the IIU of an incident that took place the same day at approximately 10:52 a.m. According to the notification, WPS officers were dispatched to a report of multiple individuals reportedly striking one another with metal bars. It was also reported that one of the involved parties was armed with an edged weapon.

Officers arrived at a back lane near Agnes Street and St. Matthews Avenue within minutes of being dispatched and located a male who appeared to have been involved in the altercation. When officers attempted to identify him, he fled on foot. As officers pursued him, the male reached toward his waistband, at which time an officer deployed a conducted energy weapon, causing the male to fall forward and strike his face on the ground.

The male was arrested on outstanding warrants. He was transported to Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg (HSC) for further medical assessment of injuries to his face that may have occurred during the fall.

He was later transferred back into police custody. HSC staff advised police that the male suffered a broken orbital bone, but was not likely to be admitted. Additionally, hospital staff noted they were awaiting direction from a dentist about treatment for chipped teeth.

As this incident involved serious injuries as defined under the regulation, 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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