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## **IIU investigating following alleged assault by two officers**

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating an incident that occurred last fall, after a woman recently alleged she was assaulted by two members of the Winnipeg Police Service.

The 19-year old woman alleges that during an encounter with police last October 17, one male officer punched her in the cheek and a second male officer stomped on her knee. She claims to have sustained three torn ligaments as a result of her encounter with police.

The woman was detained under the Intoxicated Persons Detention Act. She says that once freed, she visited the Health Sciences Centre because of her injured leg, and was treated and released.

The woman complained to the WPS about the alleged assault on April 19, and it was reported to the IIU on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The IIU civilian director has determined it is in the public interest to have the unit investigate, in accordance with Section 75 (1) of the Police Services Act.

The IIU investigates all serious incidents involving police officers in Manitoba, whether occurring on or off duty. For more information about the IIU, visit [www.iiumanitoba.ca](http://www.iiumanitoba.ca).

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