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IIU investigating injury to male suspect

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating the circumstances that led to the injury of a 47-year-old man during his arrest by Winnipeg police.

On December 31, the IIU was notified by the Winnipeg Police Service that, earlier that day, officers responded to a call regarding a break-in in progress on Boyd Avenue. Officers were in the area and arrested a man at the scene. Force was used during the arrest and the suspect complained of soreness to his ribs. He was conveyed to Seven Oaks hospital where he was diagnosed with broken ribs and a punctured lung. As these are serious injuries as defined by IIU regulations, the agency is mandated to investigate.

Witnesses or other 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. The IIU investigates all serious incidents involving police officers in Manitoba, whether occurring on or off duty.

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