

July 18, 2016

IIU investigating WPS arrest Suspect hospitalized with serious injury

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating the circumstances surrounding the arrest and serious injury of a suspect on July 13, 2016 in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg Police Service has advised the IIU that on that date, at approximately 5 a.m., officers were dispatched to a house on Ross Avenue after a call from the homeowner about a person smashing planters outside the home. When police arrived, they found the suspect had forcibly gained entry to the house. Officers found the suspect hiding in a closet and attempted to place him under arrest. The suspect resisted and police used a taser to gain control of him.

Police immediately transported him to hospital, where it was discovered he had internal injuries.

As internal injuries requiring hospitalization are defined in regulations as a serious injury, the IIU is required to investigate.

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.

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