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IIU concludes investigation into fatal WPS officer-involved shooting

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has completed its investigation into the death of a 36-year-old male following an officer involved shooting in the 300 block of Anderson Avenue in Winnipeg.

On April 9, 2020, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) advised IIU of an incident that occurred at 4:34 am. According to the notification, police responded to a 911 call regarding a domestic incident involving a male with a firearm. WPS further stated that upon arrival, officers heard a female screaming inside the residence and forced entry. Upon entry, officers encountered a male with a firearm. Officers exited the residence and attempted to communicate further with the male. The male then exited the residence with a firearm and officers discharged their firearms, striking the male. The male was transported to Health Sciences Centre, where he was pronounced dead. A team of IIU investigators was deployed to the scene and the investigation commenced. Since the matter involved a fatality, a request for a civilian monitor was made to the Manitoba Police Commission.

IIU investigators interviewed 19 WPS officers and reviewed statements from four civilian witness, including two eyewitnesses, one of whom had recorded cell phone video of the shooting. Investigators also reviewed:

- Officers' notes and narrative reports
- Identification Unit report and photographs
- Video of witness statement
- Physical evidence seizures
- Call history
- 911 audio recordings
- WPS radio/dispatch audio recordings
- CEW downloads
- Cell phone video from a civilian witness
- Autopsy and toxicology reports of the deceased

Following a detailed review of this comprehensive investigation, the civilian director concluded there were no grounds to justify any charges against any or all of the officers.

The IIU investigation is now closed, and the civilian director's complete report is available online at www.iumanitoba.ca.

The details of this investigation were first announced on April 9, 2020.

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