



**IN THE MATTER OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO AN OFFICER-INVOLVED
SHOOTING DEATH DURING POWerview RCMP ARREST IN SAGKEENG FIRST
NATION**

FINAL REPORT OF THE CIVILIAN DIRECTOR
OF THE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION UNIT

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Introduction

On Nov. 18, 2025, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) notified the Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) of an incident.

The written notification disclosed the following information:

Written excerpt from Part 7 Notification received on Nov. 19, 2025:

On Nov. 18, 2025, Powerview RCMP received a report of a male in possession of a knife and the call disconnected. Attempts were made to call the number back, but it went to voicemail.

The latitude and longitude came back to a residence in Fort Alexander. WO1 and SO attended and located AP armed with a knife. AP presented a knife to the members and advanced towards them which resulted in a member discharging their service pistol.

First aid was initiated on scene and AP was transported to the hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries.

As this matter concerned an officer-involved shooting death during an arrest, the IIU assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with Sec. 65(4) of The Police Services Act. IIU investigators were assigned to this investigation.

IIU investigators obtained the following information from the RCMP or of their own accord:

- notes, narratives and reports of officers
- audio transmissions
- watch guard video
- body worn camera footage
- medical reports

The civilian director designated one subject officer (SO1) and one witness officer (WO1). IIU investigators also received information from six civilian witnesses (CW1 to CW6).

Facts and Circumstances

Scene Examination and Canvass

IIU investigators attended the scene of the incident and saw two bullet casings resting on the windshield area of the police vehicle. IIU investigators were also provided with the knife seized from AP at the time of the incident. The knife was approximately twelve inches long.

A canvass of the surrounding area resulted in obtaining video footage from one residence and the identification of three civilian witnesses. The three civilian witnesses were also interviewed by RCMP major crimes and the IIU investigators were provided with their statements for review.

Interviews

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Civilian Witnesses

Civilian Witness 1 (CW1)

CW1 was interviewed by IIU investigators on Nov. 19, 2025, and provided the following information:

CW1 confirmed that he was friends with AP. CW1 and AP were hanging out at CW2's residence before the incident. CW1 commented that AP was "off" that day and was making comments that people were out to get him and that he wanted to kill himself as the pain of the voices was too much. AP had mentioned that the day before they met up, he had either taken acid or LSD. CW1 confirmed that they had been smoking weed before the incident.

On the morning of the incident, AP woke up CW1 and asked him for a smoke. The two went outside to smoke and AP was in a panic and pacing. He kept on saying people were out to kill him and that they knew where he was. AP went into the kitchen and grabbed a knife and was holding it against his neck. CW1 stated that the blade was approximately nine inches long. CW1 was trying to talk AP out of killing himself when AP called the police, but the call was dropped.

The police called back and CW1 told them that AP was suicidal and had a knife. CW1 stated that the call was dropped and that he saw AP behind the entrance door, waiting for police to arrive. CW1 saw the police vehicle pull into the driveway and AP immediately exited the residence and rushed down the porch towards the officers.

CW1 noted that the officers were in a marked vehicle, and both were wearing their uniforms. CW1 heard one officer say "drop the knife" and then the driver of the vehicle fired two shots at AP. AP went down immediately and was roughly five feet away from the officer when he was shot. One of the officers kicked the knife away from AP and handcuffed him. The officers called for an ambulance shortly after the shooting. CW1 recalled that AP screamed when he was shot, but he went quiet soon after. CW1 recalled that AP was taken away in an ambulance.

Civilian Witness 2 (CW2)

CW2 was interviewed by IIU investigators on Nov. 18, 2025, and provided the following information:

CW2 said that she has known AP for approximately two years and that she was aware that he had previously been suicidal. She mentioned that AP had wanted to kill himself before, but he could not do it himself. CW2 stated that AP called her out of the blue and asked if he could get a ride into town with her. She picked up AP and saw that he was not himself. AP mentioned to her that he was "not good" and had been drinking and had taken LSD in the last couple of days.

CW2 confirmed that AP and CW1 stayed at her residence, and that they had smoked some joints the night before the incident. CW2 recalled waking up in the middle of the night and not seeing AP in the residence. She assumed he had gone outside or was resting in her mobile home. In the morning, CW2 woke up and took a shower to get ready for work. As she left the residence, AP and CW1 were outside having a smoke.

CW2 was at work when CW1 called her and said that he had to call the police because AP had a knife and was suicidal. CW1 called back a few minutes later and said that the RCMP shot AP.

CW2 told investigators that after the event, she found an electrical cord attached to a door in the residence that looked like a noose.

Civilian Witness 3 (CW3)

CW3 was interviewed by IIU investigators on Nov. 18, 2025, and provided the following information:

CW3 recalled that her brother woke her and said something was going on at CW2's residence. CW3 looked out the window and saw a police officer hovering over a male on the ground. She wasn't sure if the officers gave AP CPR, but she believed one of the officers had been holding a bandage or gauze to AP's body. Roughly five minutes later, the ambulance arrived and took AP away.

Civilian Witness 4 (CW4)

CW4 was interviewed by IIU investigators on Nov. 18, 2025, and provided the following information:

CW4 recalled that one of his children woke him up and told him something was happening at CW2's residence. CW4 saw two officers around a male on the ground. He confirmed the vehicle was marked and the officers were in uniform.

Civilian Witness 5 (CW5)

CW5 was interviewed by IIU investigators on Nov. 18, 2025, and provided the following information:

CW5 heard two gunshots, which woke her up. She looked out her window and saw a male on the ground and two officers standing over him. CW5 confirmed that the officers were in uniform and had driven a marked police vehicle. She estimated the ambulance arrived five minutes after the gunshots.

Civilian Witness 6 (CW6)

CW6 declined to be interviewed by IIU investigators. However, RCMP provided IIU investigators with a statement from CW6, which contained the following information:

CW6 heard two gunshots and then saw an ambulance arrive shortly after.

Witness Officer

Witness Officer 1 (WO1)

WO1 was interviewed by IIU investigators on Dec. 3, 2025, and provided the following information:

WO1 confirmed that he was partnered with SO and that they had been assigned to attend to an incident involving a suicidal male with a knife. WO1 did not receive this information directly, but SO did tell him to be careful.

WO1 exited the passenger's seat of the police vehicle and walked towards the front step of the residence. He heard noises and then suddenly saw AP exit the porch door and speed directly towards him. WO1 took a step to the side for his own well-being, as AP continued down the

porch. WO1 could now see that AP was carrying a large knife and was heading towards SO. WO1 stated that everything happened so quickly, and the next thing he recalled was hearing two gunshots being discharged.

AP dropped to the ground after the gunshots, and they kicked the knife away from AP. AP was then handcuffed and placed in the recovery position. AP was still conscious and breathing but complaining of feeling pain. WO1 saw two entry wounds on AP and called for an ambulance.

WO1 noted that AP was initially able to stand, walk and sit while medical staff assisted him. Soon after, his condition deteriorated and he was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Subject Officer

In accordance with his rights, SO declined to be interviewed by IIU investigators. SO provided IIU investigators with his notes and report, which stated the following:

SO confirmed that they were assigned to a call about a suicidal male with a knife. They arrived on-scene and AP quickly exited the house, moving towards the officers while holding a large knife. SO told AP to drop the knife, but he continued towards the officers at a fast pace.

SO stated that AP was approximately ten paces away from him when he pointed his gun at AP's midsection and fired two shots. AP dropped to the ground and dropped the knife. The officers examined AP for injuries as he was still conscious and breathing. EMS arrived shortly after.

Other evidence

Medical Reports

Preliminary results from the medical examiner noted the cause of death as gunshot wounds. The toxicology report noted THC and Lidocaine in AP's blood system. The toxicologist did not draw any inferences from the results.

IIU has not received the final autopsy report at the time of writing this report. Because of the nature of the event, the Civilian Director has decided to move forward with completing the report to be accountable to the public in a timely manner. An addendum will be prepared if the cause of death varies from the above.

911 Calls

In reviewing the 911 calls, it was confirmed that a male called 911 saying there was a guy with a knife before the call was dropped. AP also spoke with 911 and stated that multiple people had been stabbed, but he did not know who had done the stabbings. In the same call, a male stated that there was no stabbing, his friend was suicidal and had a knife. Shortly after, they hung up.

Body Worn Camera Footage

In reviewing the officer's footage, the following comments can be made:

1. As the officers arrive and exit the vehicle, you can see AP exit the residence and move quickly down the front porch area. A large knife is present in AP's hand, which is being held near his face.

2. WO1 can be seen near the bottom step and he is not aware of AP's presence until he is right beside the officer. WO1 immediately moves away from the step to get distance from AP.
3. AP's focus is on SO and he continues to move quickly at SO. SO can be heard saying "stop," as he is taking steps away from AP.
4. AP keeps his focus on SO and continues to close the distance between them as you then see SO draw his pistol and fire two shots.
5. AP immediately drops to the ground, and the knife falls from his hand.
6. The officers kick the knife away and place AP in handcuffs while searching his body. The officers start to provide medical assistance. AP can be heard breathing and appears to be conscious and complying with verbal directions from the officers.
7. The elapsed time between AP exiting the door and SO shooting him is under four seconds.

If AP had directed his focus on WO1, it is fair to say the officer could have been at risk of being assaulted. WO1 was well within arms reach of AP and was clearly vulnerable, as his head was down and he was unaware of AP's presence.

Applicable Law

All relevant sections of the Criminal Code of Canada were considered with respect to this incident. Sec. 25(1), 25(3) and 25(4) of the Criminal Code of Canada have been emphasized here for consideration:

25 (1) Every one who is required or authorized by law to do anything in the administration or enforcement of the law

(a) as a private person,

(b) as a peace officer or public officer,

(c) in aid of a peace officer or public officer, or

(d) by virtue of his office,

is, if he acts on reasonable grounds, justified in doing what he is required or authorized to do and in using as much force as is necessary for that purpose.

(3) Subject to subsections (4) and (5), a person is not justified for the purposes of subsection (1) in using force that is intended or is likely to cause death or grievous bodily harm unless the person believes on reasonable grounds that it is necessary for the self-preservation of the person or the preservation of any one under that person's protection from death or grievous bodily harm.

(4) A peace officer, and every person lawfully assisting the peace officer, is justified in using force that is intended or is likely to cause death or grievous bodily harm to a person to be arrested, if

(a) the peace officer is proceeding lawfully to arrest, with or without warrant, the person to be arrested;

(b) the offence for which the person is to be arrested is one for which that person may be arrested without warrant;

(c) the person to be arrested takes flight to avoid arrest;

(d) the peace officer or other person using the force believes on reasonable grounds that the force is necessary for the purpose of protecting the peace officer, the person lawfully assisting the peace officer or any other person from imminent or future death or grievous bodily harm; and

(e) the flight cannot be prevented by reasonable means in a less violent manner.

Conclusion

In reviewing all the evidence available, it was clear the subject officer had no choice other than to discharge his firearm at AP. AP rushed out of the residence directly at the officers with a knife in hand while ignoring verbal directions. SO made a split-second decision to discharge his firearm in under four seconds for his well-being and that of his partner. In my view, the subject officer's decision was reasonable in the circumstances. Therefore, no charges are recommended and the IIU investigation is now completed and closed.