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IIU concludes investigation into allegation of excessive force used by RCMP in Shamattawa

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into an allegation of excessive force used by a Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) officer at the RCMP detachment in Shamattawa.

On Sept. 27, 2017, the RCMP notified the IIU of an allegation of excessive force against one of its members. According to the notification, during a RCMP code of conduct meeting, a witness officer disclosed that they had observed an officer use unnecessary force during the course of their duties and a different officer had covered up the excessive use of force.

As these allegations are considered discretionary matters under the provisions of the Police Services Act (PSA), the civilian director determined that it was in the public interest for an independent investigation to be conducted pursuant to Sec. 75 of the PSA. IIU investigators were assigned. The civilian director designated no subject officers and two witness officers.

IIU investigators received and reviewed information including a computer aided dispatch (CAD) event report and an occurrence summary.

The IIU's mandate is to consider whether an officer's actions in using force were justified. Previous civilian director Zane Tessler gave due consideration to all the circumstances and did a thorough review of all evidence and material facts obtained in this investigation, and determined that the officer's actions were reasonable and no criminal charges would be laid.

Accordingly, the matter is now closed. The civilian director's complete report is available online at www.iumanitoba.ca.

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