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## **IIU concludes investigation into alleged inappropriate conduct by RCMP during arrest**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the alleged inappropriate touching of a 17-year-old female during her arrest by a member of the Powerview RCMP. No charges will be laid against the officer.

The allegation arose from an interaction between police and the female in October 2016. In March 2017 the female alleged that while she was being searched during the course of her arrest, an officer inappropriately touched her breast and buttocks. RCMP immediately notified the IIU of this allegation and the civilian director determined it to be in the public interest for the IIU to investigate.

Following its investigation, IIU referred its findings to Manitoba Prosecution Service to seek an opinion on whether any charges should be laid. Manitoba Prosecution Service advised IIU that this matter did not meet the prosecution charging standard in that there is no reasonable likelihood of a conviction. Therefore, no criminal charges will be authorized against the officer.

The civilian director's report on the investigation is available online at [iiumanitoba.ca](http://iiumanitoba.ca).

The details of this investigation were first announced on April 4, 2017.

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