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## **IIU concludes investigation into Criminal Code allegations against Brandon police**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into an allegation of potential Criminal Code offences by a member of the Brandon Police Service. It has determined no charges should be laid against the subject officer.

On July 5, 2017, the IIU was notified of a complaint involving members of the Brandon Police Service, alleging conduct and Criminal Code offences between February and June 2017. As these allegations involved a prescribed offence under the *Police Services Act* (obstruct justice), an IIU investigation was mandatory.

On careful review of the available evidence and material facts obtained in this investigation, together with consideration of the applicable law, Zane Tessler, civilian director of the IIU, was not satisfied that reasonable and probable grounds exist to warrant charges under the Criminal Code or any other federal or provincial statute.

Although the IIU investigation was complete in January 2018, other proceedings arising from this incident were ongoing and outstanding at that time --in particular, an RCMP investigation respecting the alleged distribution of intimate images. To ensure the integrity of those matters, the final report of the civilian director, which details the facts and circumstances of this investigation, was withheld pending the conclusion of those proceedings. As the IIU has been advised that the RCMP investigation has concluded, the civilian director's report is now available online.

The details of this investigation were first announced on July 7, 2017.

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