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IIU investigates crash involving police cruiser Woman suffers injury

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating following an automobile collision that involved a police cruiser and resulted in the injury of a 73-year-old woman.

On April 21, 2018, the Winnipeg Police Service notified the IIU that, during the afternoon that same day, two officers were travelling southbound on Main Street, with emergency equipment activated, when they were involved in the accident. According to police, the collision occurred when a 2010 Toyota Corolla travelling northbound on Main attempted to turn westbound onto Polson Avenue, directly in the officers' path of travel.

The impact of the collision caused the police car to crash into a business on the southwest corner of Main and Polson. The driver of the Corolla was not injured, but a passenger in the vehicle sustained a collapsed lung and a fractured right ankle. She was admitted to hospital where she remains at this time. The two officers suffered soft tissue injuries and were released from hospital.

As the woman's internal injuries required hospital admission, the agency is mandated to investigate.

The investigation is ongoing, so no further details will be provided at this time. The IIU investigates all serious incidents involving police officers in Manitoba, whether occurring on or off duty.

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