

October 30, 2018

IIU investigating death following arrest

The Independent Investigation Unit is investigating the death of a 41-year-old male following his arrest by Winnipeg police.

The IIU was notified by the Winnipeg Police Service that just prior to 4 a.m. on October 25, 2018, officers responded to a report of a disturbance near the CN rail line in east Winnipeg. When officers arrived, they took a man into custody who became unresponsive as he was being handcuffed. Medical support was provided and the man was transported to Concordia Hospital. He was pronounced deceased the following day on October 26. Cause of death is currently unknown.

The IIU has assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with section 65(1) of *The Police Services Act*. As this matter involves a fatality, a request for a civilian monitor will be made to the Manitoba Police Commission.

Witnesses or other individuals who have information or video footage that may assist this investigation are asked to contact the IIU toll free at 1-844-667-6060.

As the investigation is ongoing, no further details will be provided at this time.

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