

May 23, 2019

IIU investigating serious injury during arrest

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating the circumstances that led to a 40-year-old male being hospitalized upon arrest by Winnipeg Police Service (WPS).

On May 21, 2019, WPS notified the IIU of an incident it responded to regarding a man causing disturbance in the area of Provencher Boulevard and Tache Avenue. According to this notification, a 40-year-old male was located on a transit bus and officers attempted to take him into custody. The affected person was handcuffed and removed from the bus. The affected person went into medical distress and was subsequently transported to Grace Hospital where he remains in critical condition.

As the individual was hospitalized, this meets the definition of a serious injury under regulations and, accordingly, the IIU is mandated to investigate.

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.

The investigation is ongoing so no further details will be provided at this time.

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