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RCMP officer charged with perjury following IIU investigation

An RCMP officer has been charged with perjury following an investigation by the Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU), after a complaint was received regarding an officer's testimony in court.

On September 24, 2019, the RCMP notified the IIU of a complaint received by the service on September 23, about an officer's testimony given at provincial court proceedings in Arborg, Manitoba.

Due to the nature of the allegation, an IIU investigation was mandatory and the IIU has assumed responsibility in accordance with section 66(2) of The Police Services Act.

The IIU conducted a thorough and independent investigation into the incident and Civilian Director Zane Tessler has determined there are reasonable grounds to believe a criminal offence occurred.

As a result, Cst. Paul Lacoursiere has been charged with perjury, pursuant to section 131 of the Criminal Code of Canada.

Lacoursiere was arrested and released with a first appearance date of August 10, 2020 in Provincial Court of Manitoba, in Arborg.

As this matter is now before the court, the IIU will not comment further.

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