

October 22, 2019

IIU investigating serious injury during arrest

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating the circumstances that led to a 23-year-old male being hospitalized following his arrest by Winnipeg Police Service (WPS).

On October 20, 2019, WPS notified the IIU of an incident that occurred on October 19. At approximately 9:31 p.m., in the area of 393 Portage Avenue, members of the WPS became involved in a foot chase with a male suspect. The male was eventually taken into custody in the area of Ellice Avenue and McMicken Street and officers were required to use force in order to arrest him. The male was later transported to the Health Sciences Centre for treatment of a fractured skull and lacerations. Several members of WPS also sustained injuries during the foot chase.

As a fractured skull is defined as a serious injury under IIU regulations, 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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