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RCMP officer faces charge following IIU investigation into alleged assault

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has charged a member of the Flin Flon RCMP with assault following an investigation into injuries received by a 15-year-old female in Flin Flon during the course of her removal from a residence and subsequent detention.

The IIU issued its initial news release on November 5, 2019 advising that it had launched an investigation into an incident that led to the arrest and injury of a female.

The IIU has conducted a thorough and independent investigation into the circumstances of this incident. IIU Civilian Director Zane Tessler is satisfied there are reasonable grounds to believe a criminal offence occurred and accordingly has authorized a charge of assault under section 266 of the *Criminal Code*.

On April 20, 2020, RCMP Constable David Mitchel Eardley of the Flin Flon RCMP met with IIU investigators, was issued a summons and will appear in Provincial Court on July 14, 2020 in Flin Flon, Manitoba.

As this matter is now before the courts, the IIU will not make any further comment on its investigation.

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Information on the IIU can be found at <u>www.iiumanitoba.ca</u> or at <u>www.twitter.com/IIUManitoba</u>