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WPS officer charged following IIU investigation into storage of a firearm

On January 14, 2019, during the course of a separate investigation, the Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) was notified by the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) of an allegation that a WPS officer may have improperly stored a firearm in an unauthorized place.

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

On August 30, 2019, P/Sgt. Sean Cassidy was informed of the charge of unsafe storage of a firearm and possessing a restricted weapon at an unauthorized place and was served with a summons to appear at Provincial Court in Winnipeg on October 21, 2019.

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

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