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IIU investigating death while in police custody

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating the death of a 27-year-old-male following his arrest by RCMP in Ste. Rose du Lac.

On October 30, 2020, the RCMP reported an incident to the IIU that occurred that same day. According to the RCMP, officers responded to a call for service around 11:23 a.m. Upon arrival on scene, officers located a male who was highly agitated and members were required to restrain him. The male was taken into custody and transported to the local detachment where he collapsed in medical distress. First aid was administered, EMS then attended and transported the male to Ste. Rose Hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

The IIU has assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with section 65(1) of The Police Services Act. As this matter involves a fatality, a request for a civilian monitor will be made to the Manitoba Police Commission.

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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Media inquiries may be directed to:
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204-945-3765.

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