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IIU concludes investigation into serious injuries during interaction with WPS officers

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into an allegation of a serious injuries sustained by a male during an interaction with the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS).

On April 7, 2021, the Law Enforcement Review Agency (LERA) advised the WPS they had received information that a male, who was in attendance during an arrest of another individual by WPS on November 9, 2020, had suffered a fractured humerus. That same day, WPS notified the IIU of the incident, which occurred on Boyd Avenue.

According to the notification received from the WPS, officers received a call for service to have two individuals removed from a residence. Officers attended the residence and arrested one male. On April 7 WPS received information from LERA regarding the second individual in attendance who sustained the fractured humerus.

As a fractured arm is defined as a serious injury under Independent Investigation regulation 99/2015, this matter was a mandatory investigation for which IIU was required to assume responsibility. A team of IIU investigators was assigned to the investigation. Four WPS officers who had contact with the affected person were designated as witness officers, and investigators met with and interviewed the affected person and four civilian witnesses.

Investigators also reviewed:

- CAD dispatch records;
- WPS radio transmissions;
- the Intoxicated Persons Detention Act report for CW1;
- witness officer notes;
- a copy of the LERA complaint;
- LERA audio interview of the affected person;
- the affected person's medical records from HSC; and
- additional LERA file material.

Following a detailed review of this comprehensive investigation, the civilian director concluded there were no grounds to justify any charges against any officers.

The IIU investigation is now closed, and the civilian director's complete report is available online at www.iumanitoba.ca.

The details of this investigation were first announced on April 12, 2021.

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