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## RCMP officer charged following IIU investigation into unsafe storage of firearm

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into an incident involving the alleged unsafe storage of a firearm by an off-duty RCMP officer in eastern Manitoba. The civilian director of the IIU has determined there are reasonable grounds to believe offences occurred under the Criminal Code.

As a result of the investigation Cst. Christopher LEROUX has been issued a summons for November 23, 2021 in St. Pierre-Jolys Provincial Court for unsafe storage of a firearm and mischief, contrary to s. 86(1) and 430(4) of the Criminal Code.

The IIU issued a news release on May 12, 2021 advising that it had launched an investigation into the incident.

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

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