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IIU investigating serious injuries following MFNPS pursuit

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating the circumstances surrounding a serious injury sustained by a male during a police pursuit.

On July 18, 2021, Manitoba First Nations Police Service (MFNPS) notified the IIU of an incident that occurred on September 21, 2019. According to the notification, officers in Long Plain First Nation were pursuing a vehicle when it was involved in a collision. A male suspect attempted to flee the scene but was apprehended. During his arrest force was used to subdue him. Following his arrest he was transported to Portage la Prairie Hospital where he was treated for a lip laceration and pain to the chest area and released into custody.

On October 1, 2019 the male attended MFNPS to advise that he had sustained injuries as a result of the September 21 incident. Medical records indicate that on September 21 the male was treated for a lip laceration and on September 23, 2019 was treated for a collapsed lung and broken rib. IIU was notified of this incident on July 18, 2021.

As a broken rib is defined as a serious injury under IIU regulations, the IIU is mandated to investigate.

The investigation is ongoing so no further details will be provided at this time.

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