

September 15, 2021

IIU investigating death while in police custody

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating the death of a male following his arrest by the RCMP in Thompson, Manitoba.

On September 14, 2021, RCMP reported an incident to IIU that occurred earlier that day. According to the notification, at approximately 6 pm on September 13, a male was arrested under the Intoxicated Persons Detention Act and lodged at the Thompson RCMP detachment. At approximately 11 pm, he was found unresponsive in his cell. He was transported to the Thompson General Hospital, where he later died on September 14.

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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