

April 13, 2022

## **IIU investigating serious injuries during WPS arrest**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating circumstances surrounding an allegation of a serious injury sustained by an adult male during his arrest by Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) officers.

On April 12, 2022, WPS advised the IIU of an incident that occurred at 493 Notre Dame Ave. in Winnipeg. According to the notification, on April 11 at approximately 9:30 p.m., an off-duty WPS officer observed a male stealing a catalytic converter on Young Street. The off-duty officer confronted the male and the male fled. The off-duty officer pursued and subsequently caught the male at 493 Notre Dame Ave. An altercation ensued and the male was secured by the off-duty officer until the arrival of uniformed police officers. The male was taken into custody and subsequently transported to Health Sciences Centre where he was found to have a fractured left orbital bone, which is defined as a serious injury under the IIU regulations. WPS also advised the officer sustained lacerations and bruising.

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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