

June 15, 2022

IIU investigating officer-involved shooting in Portage la Prairie

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred June 15, 2022, on the Trans-Canada Highway near Portage la Prairie.

On June 15, the IIU was notified by the RCMP of an incident that occurred at approximately 3:49 a.m. According to the notification, officers responded to a call for service of a report of people in a truck breaking into a business. An RCMP officer located and attempted to stop a suspect vehicle. The police vehicle was rammed and pinned between the suspect vehicle and its trailer. The officer was able to exit his vehicle, at which time the suspect vehicle swerved towards him. The police officer discharged his service pistol. The suspect vehicle fled the scene and was later apprehended by police. A male occupant was arrested, found to have sustained a gunshot wound and transported to hospital where he remains in stable condition.

As any injury caused by the discharge of a firearm by a police officer is defined as a serious injury, the IIU is mandated to investigate.

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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