

July 4, 2022

IIU investigating officer-involved shooting in Shamattawa

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is confirming that it is investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred July 2, 2022, in Shamattawa, Manitoba.

On July 2, the IIU was notified by the RCMP of an incident that occurred that same day at approximately 1:00 p.m. According to the notification, officers responded to a report of a male who had discharged a firearm in a residence and was walking in the community with the firearm. RCMP officers heard shots fired in the community and located the male outside a residence. Shots were fired by the male and RCMP responded with shots from their service firearms, striking the male. The male was taken to the Shamattawa Nursing Station with serious injuries and subsequently transported to Health Sciences Centre for further treatment.

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. A team of IIU investigators were deployed to Shamattawa.

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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