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IIU concludes investigation into an altercation involving a member of MFNPS in Sioux Valley

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into an incident that occurred on Jan. 21 in Sioux Valley First Nation.

On Feb. 1, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) reported an incident to the IIU that occurred on Jan. 21. According to the notification, officers responded to a call regarding a rollover collision in Sioux Valley First Nation. While at the scene, a Manitoba First Nations Police Service (MFNPS) officer had an altercation with a First Nation safety officer and the MFNPS officer then left the scene.

As these allegations are considered discretionary matters under the provisions of the Police Services Act (PSA), the civilian director determined it was in the public interest for an independent investigation to be conducted pursuant to Sec. 75 of the PSA.

IIU investigators were assigned and reviewed the following:

- computer automated dispatch (CAD) event on RCMP file;
- list of involved persons on RCMP file;
- narrative reports;
- photographs of scene;
- notes of two witness officers;
- email from the first witness officer to their supervisor on Jan. 25;
- photographs of MFNPS vehicle, purportedly taken by subject officer;
- unit history of MFNPS vehicle on Jan. 21; and
- audio recordings of subject officer communicating with MFNPS telecommunications center on Jan. 21.

The civilian director designated a MFNPS officer as the subject officer. Investigators interviewed two witness officers, three civilian witnesses and the affected person. The civilian director found no reasonable grounds to support any charges against the subject officer. Accordingly, the matter is now closed.

The civilian director's complete report is available online at www.iiumanitoba.ca.

The details of this investigation were first announced on Feb. 2.

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