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IIU concludes investigation into single motor vehicle collision in Long Plain First Nation

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the circumstances surrounding serious injuries sustained by an adult male, which coincided with a police-involved incident in Long Plain First Nation.

On June 10, 2023, the Manitoba First Nations Police Service (MFNPS) advised the IIU of an incident that occurred at approximately 1 p.m. that same day. According to the notification, police were conducting a traffic stop to investigate a possible impaired driver. After the driver had exited the vehicle, a male passenger in the car jumped into the driver's seat, drove away and eventually rolled the vehicle in a ditch. He sustained injuries and was airlifted to Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg for treatment.

As this matter concerned serious injuries as defined under the IIU regulations, the IIU assumed responsibility for this mandatory investigation in accordance with Sec. 66(4) of the Police Services Act.

IIU investigators obtained the following information from MFNPS, among other items:

- occurrence summary;
- 911 communication;
- audio transcript;
- bail brief, release order;
- computer automated dispatch report;
- Canadian Police Information Centre response report;
- driver status – affected person;
- vehicle information – civilian witness;
- general report – witness officer 1;
- notes – witness officer 2;
- photographs – scene of crash;
- property list;

- prosecutor's information sheet;
- supplementary occurrence report; and
- warrant of arrest for the affected person.

The civilian director designated two witness officers and no subject officers. The affected person declined to provide a statement or meet with investigators. The IIU met with the civilian witness, who provided a statement. The civilian director concluded the actions of the witness officers did not contribute to the serious injuries of the affected person and the affected is solely responsible for his own injuries. Accordingly, the IIU has completed its investigation and the matter is now closed.

The affected person remains before the court on charges arising from the incident. The civilian director's report on the incident will be made available following the disposition of those charges.

The details of this investigation were first announced on June 12, 2023.

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