

August 8, 2023  
Case Number: 2023-0045

## **IIU investigating death while in police custody in Winnipeg**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating the death of a male following his arrest by the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS).

On Aug. 7, 2023, WPS reported an incident to the IIU that occurred that day around 1 p.m. According to the notification, police were dispatched to the intersection of Kinbrace Bay and McLeod Avenue in response to multiple 911 calls about a male with a weapon behaving erratically. The male then retreated to a house in the 500 block of Oakland Avenue where he was taken into police custody.

At the time of his arrest, police were concerned for the male's health and well-being, and requested medical assistance from Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS). While awaiting WFPS, the male became unresponsive. He was transported to Health Sciences Centre in critical condition, where he was later pronounced deceased.

The IIU has assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with Section 65(1) of the Police Services Act. As this matter involves a fatality, a request for a civilian monitor will be made to the Manitoba Police Commission.

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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