

October 17, 2023
Case Number: 2023-0065

IIU investigating death while in police custody in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating circumstances surrounding a death while in custody following the arrest of an adult male in Winnipeg.

On Oct. 16, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an incident that resulted in the death of a male that occurred at 10:51 p.m. on Oct. 15. According to the notification, WPS responded to a call for service in the 200 block of Sherbrook Street regarding a male acting erratically in traffic. During the male's arrest, he began to have trouble breathing. The Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service was onsite for an unrelated incident and immediately provided medical care. The male was transported to Health Sciences Centre where he was pronounced deceased.

The IIU has assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with Sec. 66(4) of the Police Services Act.

As this matter involves a fatality, a request for a civilian monitor has been 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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