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## IIU investigating death while in police custody

The Independent Investigation Unit is investigating a death in custody that occurred after police responded to a disturbance the late evening of February 12, 2017 at a residence in the Garden City area of Winnipeg.

On February 13, the IIU was notified by the Winnipeg Police Service that officers visited the home after a man indicated he wanted a male removed from the residence. Upon arrival, a struggle ensued and the male was taken into custody. Subsequently, Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Services was contacted and the male was transported by ambulance to Seven Oaks Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

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

The IIU investigates all serious incidents involving police officers in Manitoba, whether occurring on or off duty.

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