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## **IIU investigating after police use Taser, man suffers injury**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating after a 46-year-old male was injured during his arrest by Winnipeg police.

On April 11, 2018, the Winnipeg Police Service notified the IIU that, earlier the same day, officers had attended at an apartment block on Agnes Street following a report of a man who was agitated and threatening others. According to police, when officers arrived at the scene, the man was armed with a hammer and resisted arrest. He was shocked with a Taser and fell down a flight of stairs. The man was subsequently transported to hospital where he was diagnosed with possible fractures to the neck or spine. He was discharged approximately 12 hours later and processed on criminal charges.

As a fracture of the vertebrae is defined as a serious injury under IIU regulations, the agency is mandated to investigate.

The investigation is ongoing, so no further details will be provided at this time. The IIU investigates all serious incidents involving police officers in Manitoba, whether occurring on or off duty.

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