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IIU investigating following police stand-off and death near Anola

Manitoba's Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating the death of a man near Anola, following an incident involving Oakbank RCMP and the RCMP Emergency Response Team (ERT).

According to RCMP, on January 6, 2017 they received a report of a man with firearms, who was uttering threats to family and police. The man had secured himself in his home east of Anola. He was alone in the home at the time.

D Division ERT was deployed to assist the Oakbank detachment. They secured the area and negotiated with the man throughout the night. Shortly after 8:00 a.m. on January 7, they were able to enter the home and found a 45-year-old male deceased inside the residence.

The IIU was notified by the RCMP on January 7, and has assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with section 65(1) of *The Police Services Act*. IIU investigators were immediately deployed to the scene. As this matter involves a fatality, a request for the appointment of a civilian monitor has been made to the Manitoba Police Commission.

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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