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## **IIU investigating after WPS deploy less lethal firearm**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating after Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) used a less lethal firearm to subdue an adult female.

On May 17, 2021, WPS reported an incident to the IIU that occurred on February 19 on Lorne Avenue in Winnipeg. According to this notification, WPS officers responded to a call for service at a residence. When officers attended the residence, a female was located brandishing what appeared to be a firearm and scissors. The female refused to comply with requests to drop the weapons. A less lethal firearm was deployed and the female was taken into custody. The female was treated for bruising and a minor laceration.

As this matter involves the discharge of a firearm that caused an injury, an IIU investigation is mandatory.

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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