

November 18, 2016

IIU investigating injury during arrest in Portage la Prairie

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating the circumstances surrounding the arrest and injury of an individual in Portage la Prairie.

Portage RCMP advised the IIU that their members responded to an armed robbery complaint in the late evening of November 16. Upon police arriving at the scene, three suspects were located and one male fled. Officers used a police dog to track the fleeing suspect. When the man continued to evade police, the dog was deployed and physically engaged the individual. As a result, the man received an injury to his leg that required hospitalization and surgery.

As this incident involved a serious injury and hospitalization, the IIU is required 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. For more information about the IIU, visit www.iiumanitoba.ca.

-30-

Media inquiries may be directed to: Barbara Czech Communications, Independent Investigation Unit 204-803-9644