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IIU investigating fatal vehicle collision on Portage Avenue

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating an early-morning motor vehicle collision on Portage Avenue that resulted in the death of the driver, an adult female.

The Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) has advised IIU that their officers observed a vehicle at approximately 1:20 a.m. that was suspected to be involved in a commercial robbery. They attempted to stop the vehicle, but it fled onto Portage Avenue. Police pursued but temporarily lost sight of it. The driver later lost control and struck a building at the intersection of Portage Avenue and Good Street.

The IIU was formally notified of this incident by WPS. Investigators were immediately deployed and are presently on scene.

The IIU has assumed responsibility for the investigation of the motor vehicle collision in accordance with section 65(1) of The Police Services Act. The WPS will continue to lead the investigation of the commercial robbery.

The IIU's investigation is ongoing and no further details will be provided at this time. Since this investigation involves a fatality, the IIU will be requesting the appointment of a civilian monitor from the Manitoba Police Commission.

The IIU investigates all serious incidents involving police officers in Manitoba, occurring on or off duty. For more information about the IIU, visit www.iiumanitoba.ca.

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