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IIU investigating in-custody injury in Brandon

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating after an individual received minor injuries while in the custody of a Brandon police officer.

The IIU was advised by Brandon Police Service that in the early morning of September 10, an officer was escorting an intoxicated man to the Brandon Correctional Centre. During the course of the transport, the individual hit his head on the interior of the car, resulting in a small laceration over his left eye. Also while en route, the police car in which the individual was being transported was hit from behind by another police vehicle.

The IIU was notified by the Brandon Police Service on September 12, and has assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with section 73 (1)(b) and 75(1) of *The Police Services Act* as the civilian director considers it to be in the public interest to do so. IIU investigators were immediately deployed to Brandon.

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 <u>www.iiumanitoba.ca</u>.

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