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## **IIU concludes investigation into crash involving WPS cruiser**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into a motor vehicle collision at Main Street and Polson Avenue in April that involved a police cruiser. The investigation found neither the driver of the police vehicle, nor his partner, were responsible for the crash.

On April 21, 2018, three marked Winnipeg Police Service vehicles were responding to a call to assist an officer. As the vehicles travelled southbound on Main Street, their sirens and emergency lighting were activated. A Toyota Corolla, travelling northbound on Main Street, prepared to turn left at the intersection with Polson Avenue. After the first cruiser car passed by, it turned into the path of the second police vehicle.

The resulting collision caused the WPS cruiser to leave the roadway and crash into a business at the southwest corner of the intersection. Both vehicles and the business sustained extensive damage and a female passenger in the Toyota sustained a collapsed lung, fractured right ankle and several fractured ribs. As the woman's internal injuries required hospital admission, the IIU was mandated to investigate.

The investigation included review of WPS radio communications, video from nearby buildings, traffic camera footage, and recorded crash data from the involved vehicles, as well as interviews with 10 civilian witnesses. The investigation showed the driver of the Toyota was solely responsible for the accident.

The civilian director's report on the investigation is available online at [iiumanitoba.ca](http://iiumanitoba.ca).

The details of this investigation were first announced on April 24, 2018.

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