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IIU investigates injury to male in police custody

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating after a man was admitted to hospital following his arrest by Winnipeg police.

On August 8, 2018, the IIU was notified by the Winnipeg Police Service of an incident that occurred earlier the same day. That morning, officers responded to a call from Siloam Mission regarding an agitated male. According to police, they attempted to place the man under arrest but he resisted and refused to obey their commands. Officers deployed pepper spray and a “Taser” conducted energy weapon.

The man was subsequently transported to the Health Sciences Centre where it was determined he had a collapsed lung. As the man was diagnosed with internal injuries that required an in-patient admission to hospital, the IIU is mandated to investigate.

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. The IIU investigates all serious incidents involving police officers in Manitoba, whether occurring on or off duty.

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