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IIU concludes investigation into injury during arrest of youth in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into an incident regarding an injury sustained by a female youth during her arrest by the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) in Winnipeg.

On May 18, 2019, the WPS notified the IIU it had received a 911 call indicating a young female was intoxicated and out of control at her residence. Officers arrived on scene and attempted to arrest the female. A struggle ensued, resulting in an injury to her arm. The female was transported to hospital and later determined to have a broken arm above the elbow. She was treated and released from hospital.

As a broken arm is defined as a serious injury under the IIU regulations, the IIU assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with Sec. 66(4) of the Police Services Act. IIU investigators were assigned to this investigation.

IIU investigators obtained the following information from the WPS, among other items:

- arrest report for affected person;
- computer aided dispatch history;
- narrative report of a police officer;
- notes of witness officer;
- Niche Record Management System reports; and
- two 911 audio calls and WPS radio transmission.

The civilian director designated one subject officer and one witness officer. IIU investigators met with the affected person and three civilian witnesses, and consulted the chief medical examiner to obtain medical opinions on the likely cause of the injury.

Following the completion of the investigation, the civilian director provided a copy to Manitoba Prosecution Service (MPS) requesting a Crown opinion. MPS provided the opinion the use of force was justified and it would not authorize charges.

Accordingly, the matter is now closed and the civilian director's complete report is available online at www.iiumanitoba.ca.

The details of the investigation were first announced on May 21, 2019.

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