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IIU investigating allegations against WPS officers following civil court judgment

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating allegations against several members of the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) following the conclusion of a civil action in Court of Queen's Bench.

On May 30, 2019, WPS notified the IIU of the circumstances outlined in a written judgment from the Court of Queen's Bench delivered on May 27, 2019. In that judgment, which concerned an incident at a local Winnipeg hotel on December 26, 2014, a variety of circumstances were outlined by the trial judge that raised allegations of misleading justice and use of excessive force against a number of WPS officers.

Some of these matters include prescribed offences, as defined by regulation, for which the IIU is mandated to investigate. Others fall within the ambit of section 73 of *The Police Services Act*, for which an investigation is discretionary but, in the circumstances, the civilian director has determined that public interest demands an independent investigation be conducted.

The investigation is ongoing so no further details will be provided at this time.

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