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## **IIU concludes investigation into death following detention and arrest by WPS officers**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the death of a 42-year-old male following an interaction with Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) officers just after midnight on August 2, 2019.

On August 2, WPS notified the IIU of an incident that occurred earlier that day at 12:37 a.m. Officers were called to a domestic incident on the 800 block of Consol Avenue in the Elmwood area. A male fled the residence and a foot pursuit ensued, ending in the 900 block of Consol Avenue. During the course of the arrest, the male was uncooperative and a Taser was deployed. Shortly after being restrained, the male became unresponsive and was transported to St. Boniface Hospital, where he was subsequently pronounced deceased.

Since this matter involved a fatality, a request for a civilian monitor was made to the Manitoba Police Commission.

IIU investigators interviewed five civilian witnesses and five Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service (WFPS) members, and reviewed WPS and other information, including:

- officers' notes and narrative reports;
- WPS call history;
- WPS forensic identification reports and photographs;
- WPS radio transmissions recordings;
- Air1 video;
- Conductive Energy Weapons (CEW) download reports;
- the major crimes summary report; and
- the affected person's autopsy report.

The civilian director did not find sufficient, or any, evidence to support a conclusion that any of the police officers actions, or inactions, did anything to transgress the limits of care prescribed by the criminal law in the circumstances of this case.

The investigation is now complete and the matter is closed. The civilian director's complete report is available online at [www.iumanitoba.ca](http://www.iumanitoba.ca).

The details of this investigation were first announced on August 7, 2019.

There will also be an inquest into this death, as required under the Fatality Inquiries Act.

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