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## **IIU investigating death while in police custody**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating the death of a 54-year-old-male following his arrest by RCMP in The Pas.

On October 6, 2019, the IIU was notified by the RCMP of the following incident: On October 5, officers responded to an intoxicated person call, arrested a male, and lodged him in cells in the RCMP detachment in The Pas around 7:00 p.m. Officers checked on the individual in the early hours of October 6 and found him unresponsive. EMS attended and pronounced the male deceased.

The IIU has assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with section 65(1) of The Police Services Act. As this matter involves a fatality, a request for a civilian monitor will be made to the Manitoba Police Commission.

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.

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