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IIU investigating after Brandon Police Service deploy “less lethal” firearm

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating after Brandon police used a “less lethal” firearm to subdue a 28-year-old male.

On January 20, 2020, Brandon Police Service (BPS) reported an incident to the IIU that occurred at approximately 11:00 p.m. on January 18 in Brandon when officers responded to a call for service regarding a male in a residence. According to BPS, when officers attended the residence, the male threatened them with a knife. Attempts were made to have the man surrender his weapon. While attempting to flee, the male threw his weapon at a vehicle behind which an officer was standing. Police then used a “less lethal” firearm, which caused a contusion to the man’s back. He was taken into custody and transported to Brandon Regional Health Centre where he was treated and released into custody.

As this matter involves the discharge of a firearm that caused an injury, this is a mandatory IIU investigation.

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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