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IIU concludes investigation into injuries related to RCMP arrest

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has completed its investigation into the circumstances surrounding the arrest of a 55-year-old male alleged to have caused injury.

On June 24, 2020, the RCMP reported an incident that occurred on May 22. A male who had been arrested Portage la Prairie contacted the RCMP on June 22 to advise he sustained an injury to his wrist due to handcuffing. While this injury did not meet the definition of serious injury found in IIU regulation 99/2015, the civilian director determined it was in the public interest to investigate.

IIU investigators interviewed the male, four RCMP members and four civilian witnesses. Investigators also reviewed:

- RCMP members notes and narrative reports
- Identification Unit report and photographs
- cell phone video
- physical evidence seizures
- prisoner log reports
- 911 audio recordings
- RCMP radio/dispatch audio recordings
- arrest processing audio recordings
- RCMP handcuffing training material
- RCMP handcuffing procedure policy
- the male's medical report

Following a detailed review of this comprehensive investigation, the civilian director concluded there were no grounds to justify any charges against the subject officer.

The IIU investigation is now closed, and the civilian director's complete report is available online at www.iiumanitoba.ca.

The details of this investigation were first announced on June 25, 2020

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