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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 40-year-old male.

On February 23, 2017, Brandon Police Service (BPS) reported an incident to the IIU that occurred on February 14, 2017 in Brandon. According to this notification, BPS officers responded to a high-risk barricaded situation. During an interaction with the male subject, officers tried unsuccessfully to have the male surrender. BPS officers subsequently used a less lethal firearm to subdue and arrest the male. BPS advised that the male had not sustained any injuries, as defined by the Police Services Act, as a result of this interaction, and it was determined no IIU involvement was required.

On September 10, 2020, BPS notified the IIU that new information has been received which indicated the subject male had sustained physical injuries because of the discharge of a less lethal firearm during the 2017 incident.

Accordingly, this is now a mandatory investigation and the IIU has assumed conduct of this matter.

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

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