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IIU investigating serious injury during WPS arrest

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating circumstances surrounding the arrest of an 18-year-old female by the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) that may have resulted in her sustaining a fractured right humerus.

On September 29, 2020, WPS advised the IIU of an incident that occurred on July 11, 2020, on Balmoral Street. According to the notification, officers were responding to a call for service when they came upon an altercation. A female suspect was detained and subsequently released. The female later complained of a sore arm and was taken to Health Sciences Centre where she was found to have a fractured right humerus. WPS further report that the Law Enforcement Review Agency (LERA) was initially contacted with respect to the injury and police involvement. LERA consequently advised WPS of this injury. As a fracture to the humerus is defined as a serious injury under the IIU regulations, the IIU is mandated to investigate.

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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