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IIU investigating after RCMP deploy “less lethal” firearm

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating after RCMP used a “less lethal” firearm to subdue two males, resulting in minor injuries.

RCMP notified the IIU on March 23, 2020 of an incident involving the discharge of a firearm. The RCMP reported that around 10:45 a.m. that morning, Steinbach RCMP received a complaint of a parental child abduction. Officers located the suspects at a residence in Roseau River. In the process of an attempt to recover the children, officers were assaulted. In response, police used a “less lethal” firearm on two male suspects to subdue them, resulting in minor injuries.

In accordance with the Police Services Act and regulations, any injury resulting from the use of a firearm is deemed a serious injury and, as such, results in a mandatory investigation by IIU. 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, no further details will be provided at this time.

The IIU investigates all serious incidents involving police officers in Manitoba, whether occurring on or off duty.

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