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IIU investigating serious injury during WPS arrest

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating circumstances surrounding the arrest of an adult male by the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) that resulted in him sustaining two broken ribs.

On October 26, 2020, the Law Enforcement Review Agency (LERA) advised WPS they had received medical evidence that indicated a male who was detained by WPS on May 26, 2019 had suffered two broken ribs as a result of this incident.

That same day, WPS notified the IIU of the incident, which occurred in the area of Salter Street and Mountain Avenue. According to the notification, officers observed three males in an altercation involving what appeared to be firearms. Officers stopped and detained two of the males while one fled. During the arrest, officers used force to restrain the male suspect.

As a broken rib 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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