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## **IIU investigating serious injury related to WPS arrest**

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating the circumstances surrounding the arrest of a male that resulted in him sustaining a serious injury.

On September 8, 2021, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) advised the IIU of an incident that occurred at approximately 2:52 a.m. on September 7. According to the notification, on September 7 officers were responding to a call for service on Mathers Avenue. The male suspect had fled the residence and was located on Waverly Street. A struggle ensued with attending officers and force was used to arrest the male. The male was subsequently conveyed to Health Sciences Centre (HSC) where he was treated and released into police custody. On September 8, WPS was advised by HSC that the male had sustained an orbital fracture.

As a fracture of this nature is defined as a serious injury under 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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