

Final report now available: IIU concludes investigation into deployment of less-lethal firearm by RCMP

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's (RCMP) use of a less-lethal firearm during the arrest of an adult male.

On Feb. 18, 2025, the RCMP notified the IIU of an incident that occurred on Feb. 13, 2025, at approximately 11:11 a.m. According to the notification, RCMP members responded to a report of an impaired driver in a stolen pickup truck in Ebb and Flow First Nation. Officers located the vehicle in the community, at which point the driver fled on foot into a nearby wooded area. Officers later located the suspect again and informed him he was under arrest. The suspect attempted to flee and an officer deployed a less-lethal firearm; however, it had no effect and the suspect refused to surrender. After continued efforts, officers were able to place the suspect under arrest. The suspect was then transported to hospital, where it was determined he had severe frostbite and may have required amputation. Several hours later, the suspect left the hospital on his own accord.

On Feb. 15, 2025, Portage District General Hospital called the RCMP to report the suspect was at the hospital and was being treated for frostbite. Officers attended the hospital and apprehended the suspect.

The affected person had charges pending before the court as a result of this incident, which have now been disposed of. The IIU final report is now available at www.iiumanitoba.ca.

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