INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION UNIT OF MANITOBA

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IIU concludes investigation into WPS arrest in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the arrest of an adult male in Winnipeg.

On Feb. 27, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an incident that occurred Feb. 12 at approximately 9:45 a.m. According to the notification, on Feb. 17, the WPS received a voicemail from a citizen reporting that he had recorded a video of police officers arresting a male. After a callback, the citizen forwarded the video to WPS.

Upon review, officers confirmed the video was recorded on Feb. 12. The footage shows an officer standing over a male lying prone on the ground. A second officer approaches, kneels and appears to strike the male in the head or shoulder area before applying handcuffs. The male is then assisted to his feet and escorted to the rear of a truck, where a search is conducted. The officer is observed taking hold of the male by the hair and leading him to a marked cruiser that had arrived on scene. The officer then grips the male by the collar and belt and places him forcefully into the rear seat of the cruiser.

A review of the incident determined that on Feb. 12, members of the Manitoba Integrated Violent Offender Apprehension Unit attended an apartment in the 700 block of Notre Dame Avenue to arrest a male and a female, both wanted for robbery and aggravated assault. The male was also the subject of an unlawfully at large warrant.

Upon attending the residence, officers knocked on the door, which was answered by the female. During the interaction, the male attempted to flee through a rear window but was observed by police. The male was later located in the 700 block of Toronto Street. Officers attended that location, where the male was arrested, searched and taken into police custody.

As this matter concerned the actions of an officer during an arrest, the IIU assumed responsibility for the investigation in accordance with Sec. 75 of the Police Services Act. IIU investigators were assigned to the case. The civilian director designated one subject officer and five witness officers. IIU investigators also received information from two civilian witnesses.

Following due consideration of all the circumstances, the civilian director will not authorize charges. The IIU investigation is now completed and closed.

As the affected person remains before the court on charges arising from the incident, the civilian director’s report on the incident will be made available once those charges are disposed of.

The details of the investigation were first announced on March 3.

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