

IIU investigating serious injury related to off-duty arrest in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating the arrest of an adult male in Winnipeg.

On April 8, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an incident that occurred on Aug. 18, 2025, at approximately 9:15 p.m. According to the notification, an adult male was driving northbound on Route 90 when his vehicle was rear-ended by another vehicle. Following the collision, the driver of the other vehicle exited and identified himself as an off-duty police officer.

After speaking to a witness on scene, the officer then approached the male driver and stated that he was placing him under arrest for impaired driving. The off-duty officer physically detained the driver until on-duty uniformed officers arrived at the scene. They placed the male under arrest for impaired driving, handcuffed him and transported him in the rear of a police cruiser. The driver was taken to the West District Station, where he was processed and later released from police custody on an appearance notice.

The following day, the male driver sought medical treatment, where he discovered he had suffered an acute rib fracture. On March 6, the male reported the incident to the Law Enforcement Review Agency, who confirmed the driver's injury through medical reports on March 31, and notified the WPS, who then reported the incident to the IIU.

As this incident involved serious injuries as defined under the IIU regulation, the IIU is mandated to investigate.

Witnesses or 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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