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IIU investigating serious injuries related to WPS arrest

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

On June 16, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an incident that occurred on Jan. 3 at approximately 12:30 a.m. According to the notification, WPS attended a call for service about a disturbance at a bar in the 400 block of River Avenue. An intoxicated male inside the establishment refused to leave and was reported to be harassing patrons and making unwanted sexual advances toward females. Officers responded and were told that the male had left the premises and was seen walking westbound on River Avenue in the Osborne Village area.

At approximately 12:48 a.m., officers located the male at the intersection of Nassau Street North and River Avenue. Officers observed that he was unsteady on his feet and slurring his speech. Attempts to communicate with him were unsuccessful because he was unco-operative and failed to comply with police directions. Based on his level of intoxication, officers told the male that he was being detained under the Intoxicated Persons Detention Act.

The male was resistant and combative with officers, resulting in a use-of-force encounter and he was taken into custody.

On June 3, the Law Enforcement Review Agency (LERA) received a formal complaint from the male, alleging injuries resulting from his interaction with police. LERA investigators requested relevant medical records and received documentation indicating that the male attended Concordia Hospital on Jan. 5, where he was assessed. The medical records documented a fracture to the fourth left rib, bruising and swelling to the eyes, head and body, lacerations and bruising to the wrists, and reported tingling in the fingers.

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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