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IIU investigating motor vehicle pursuit and shooting near Portage la Prairie

Manitoba's Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating following a police shooting yesterday morning near Portage la Prairie.

RCMP advised the IIU that it received a complaint of a car being driven erratically through fields and ditches. Portage la Prairie officers located the vehicle and a short pursuit ensued, ending when the vehicle stopped in a ditch and the driver exited with a firearm. Gunfire followed, resulting in the driver being transported to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The IIU was formally notified and investigators were immediately deployed to the scene near Portage La Prairie, Manitoba. The IIU has assumed responsibility for the investigation in accordance with section 65(1) of the Police Services Act.

As the investigation is ongoing, no further details will be provided at this time.

The IIU investigates all serious incidents involving police officers in Manitoba, whether occurring on or off duty. For more information about the IIU, visit www.iiumanitoba.ca.

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