

FINAL REPORT: IIU concludes investigation into reported domestic assault by RCMP officer

On September 2, 2017 at 2:30 p.m., the Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) was formally notified by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) of an incident which occurred on or about August 31 in Oakbank, Manitoba. It involved an allegation that a male (the “affected person”- AP) was assaulted by a relative who was an RCMP member. It was also alleged this was one of a number of assaults by the RCMP member against AP over a period of time. The allegations came to the attention of the RCMP when a third party reported the matter following conversations with AP.

Although no serious injuries resulted from the assaults, based on the nature of the various allegations included in this notification, the civilian director determined it was in the public interest for the IIU to investigate the complaint. Among the issues to be determined was whether any of the impugned conduct involved Criminal Code or similar offences. IIU investigators were dispatched to Oakbank.

The IIU civilian director designated the RCMP member as the subject officer (SO). Under the provisions of the *Police Services Act*, a subject officer is not required to provide a statement or notes regarding an incident. In this case, the SO did not have any notes respecting the matters under investigation but did agree to be interviewed by IIU investigators about the allegations. AP and two independent civilian witnesses were also interviewed by IIU investigators. It should be noted that AP denied being assaulted by SO on August 31 or at any other time and denied disclosing to the third party anything concerning any violent act.

Following a detailed review of the investigative file materials, essentially the interviews referenced, I am not satisfied that there is any evidence, of any kind, that SO assaulted AP on August 31, 2017 or at any other time. I am satisfied there are no grounds to proceed further with this investigation. This matter is now closed.

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