

# ***FINAL REPORT: IIU concludes investigation into alleged assault by off-duty RCMP officer***

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On December 11, 2019, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) notified the Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) of an incident where an off-duty RCMP officer, in the north district, is alleged to have committed an assault.

According to this notification, which read in part:

*“On December 6, 2019, RCMP received a report that the subject officer (SO) had assaulted his child (affected person (AP)) by striking the child once on the arm. The allegation of assault was disclosed to the mother of the child and a worker with Child and Family Services (CFS). A doctor at a hospital examined the child. During the assessment, the doctor found a bruise and abrasion on the child’s arm...In a CFS interview, SO indicated that he does not hit his child, but rather uses time outs for discipline. He suggested that the injury might have been because of falling off a bench and hitting the “funny bone.” CFS has reported that the allegations of child abuse is not viewed as criminal in nature.”*

Although this notification does not disclose a serious injury, the civilian director has determined that is in the public interest for IIU to investigate. IIU investigators were assigned to this investigation.

Information obtained by IIU investigators included:

- RCMP investigation and general report
- Witness officer notes and report
- Civilian witnesses statements
- CFS memorandum on investigation and conclusions
- Prepared statement of SO
- Medical records and reports respecting AP

The civilian director designated the off-duty RCMP officer as SO. Additionally, IIU investigators interviewed three civilian witnesses. CFS had conducted an independent investigation of this allegation as well.

## **Conclusion:**

It was determined that the facts and circumstances surrounding this allegation weighed against public disclosure to guard against unnecessary identification of AP, SO and concerned parties, and to protect the existence of their respective privacy interests.

Both the CFS and IIU investigations concluded, independently, that there was no substance to the allegation in this matter. CFS, through its comprehensive investigation, concluded that there

was no evidence that an assault occurred. Similarly, IIU, through its comprehensive investigation, concluded that there was no evidence that an assault occurred.

The IIU investigation is now complete and this file is closed.

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