

# ***FINAL REPORT: IIU terminates investigation into serious injury during arrest***

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On July 24, 2021, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) about an incident where a male suspect sustained a serious injury during the course of his arrest.

According to an excerpt of this notification:

*“On July 23, 2021, at approximately 6:29 p.m., members of the Division 11 Community Support Unit attended to an apartment block on Young Street to attempt to arrest a male suspect (later identified as the affected person (AP)), on the strength of five (5) outstanding Warrants of Arrest.*

*Upon officer arrival, AP attempted to evade capture by jumping from the second storey window of the residence. AP sustained an ankle injury upon striking the ground and was unable to make good his escape. He was subsequently taken into custody and transported to Seven Oaks Hospital where medical examination determined that AP had sustained a fractured ankle.*

*He was treated and released by medical staff and later detained in custody.”*

As the allegations in the notification concern a fractured ankle, pursuant to the provisions of The Police Services Act (PSA), this is deemed a serious injury for which IIU is mandated to initiate an independent investigation. IIU investigators were assigned to this investigation.

On August 6, IIU investigators met and interviewed AP, resulting in the following information and disclosures:

- AP stated that at approximately 6:00 p.m., he was walking on the outside balcony of the apartment block (three-story balcony and staircase structure on the exterior of the building).
- He was on a second story balcony when he was approached by a police officer.
- The police officer said “hey”, and AP stated that he looked at the officer and started to run.
- AP stated that the police officer announced who he was.
- AP stated that as he ran down the stairs, he was at the first balcony and jumped.
- AP stated that he did not know why he decided to jump, other than it might have been faster.
- AP stated that as soon as he landed on the ground, he knew something was wrong and that his ankle was “snapped.”
- AP stated that the police arrested him and he was handcuffed.

After reviewing this information, it was clear that AP was solely responsible for his decision to run from police and for the consequences of this decision (the fractured ankle). It has been conclusively determined that no member of the WPS was responsible for, nor contributed in any way, to the injuries AP sustained. Accordingly, there is no longer any justification for IIU to continue the investigation into this matter and this matter is closed.

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