IIU | INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION UNIT OF MANITOBA

# IN THE MATTER OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO AN INCIDENT INVOLVING SERIOUS INJURIES DURING WPS ARREST

## FINAL REPORT OF THE CIVILIAN DIRECTOR

## OF THE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION UNIT

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## Introduction

On Jan. 15, 2026, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) of an incident.

The written notification disclosed the following information:

Written excerpt from Part 7 Notification received on Jan. 16, 2026:

*On Jan. 15, 2026, 2 members of the WPS attended to College Ave to conduct a bail compliance check on AP. AP is bound by a number of court ordered conditions related to pending charges. While speaking with AP, officers noted he was breaching conditions of his release order. Upon realizing he was being arrested, AP suddenly armed himself with a knife and proceeded to stab himself multiple times in the neck yelling at officers to let him die. Officers deployed a taser to stop AP which allowed the members to disarm and secure him and start lifesaving measures. AP was transported to HSC in unstable condition.*

As this matter concerned injuries during an arrest, the IIU assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with Sec. 65(4) of The Police Services Act. IIU investigators were assigned to this investigation.

IIU investigators obtained the following information from WPS or of their own accord:

- notes, narratives and reports of officers
- audio transmissions
- taser data
- use of force report
- medical reports

The civilian director declined to designate a subject officer. The civilian director designated two witness officers (WO1 to WO2). IIU investigators also received information from AP and one civilian witness (CW1).

## Facts and Circumstances

### Scene Examination and Canvass

IIU investigators attended the scene and were provided scene photos from WPS. IIU investigators determined that it was not necessary to canvass the area because the incident occurred inside the residence.

## Interviews

Affected Person

AP was interviewed by IIU investigators on Jan. 16, 2026, and provided the following information:

AP confirmed that two uniformed officers were allowed entry into the residence by CW1. The officers attended to AP's room and advised him that he was in breach of his court order and under arrest. AP panicked and grabbed his work knife and stabbed himself six or seven times in

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the neck area. AP confirmed that he did not want to live anymore and was attempting to take his own life.

AP stated that the officer behind him tasered him and he fell to the ground. He was handcuffed and provided medical assistance by the officers. He estimated the entire incident lasted approximately ten to thirty seconds. AP confirmed that the officers did not assault him and that all the injuries were self-inflicted. AP acknowledged that he was tasered by the officer to prevent him from harming himself any further.

Civilian Witness 1 (CW1)

CW1 was interviewed by IIU investigators on Jan. 16, 2026, and provided the following information:

CW1 confirmed that he allowed the officers to enter the residence to meet with AP. He did not see what happened in AP's room, but he did hear the taser go off after a period of time. CW1 recalled that AP was brought out of the room while paramedics and officers provided medical assistance. CW1 recalled AP stating that he wanted to die.

CW1 confirmed that AP has some mental health concerns.

**Witness Officers**

Witness Officer 1 (WO1)

WO1 was interviewed by IIU investigators on Feb. 24, 2026, and provided the following information:

WO1 confirmed that they were in full uniform on the date of the incident and partnered with WO2. They confirmed that they were asked to ensure AP was complying with his court ordered conditions. WO1 confirmed that CW1 allowed the officers to enter the residence and go to AP's room. WO1 confirmed that they asked AP for a copy of his release order, which confirmed that he was in breach of the release conditions.

AP was told he was under arrest and was allowed to put pants on. AP was stating that he felt sick numerous times, but was calm and compliant with the officers' instructions. AP then grabbed a knife from the dresser area and stabbed himself six times in the neck area. Both officers pulled their firearms and directed AP to stop and drop the knife. AP did not comply with their directions, so WO2 switched to his taser and deployed it, causing AP to fall to the ground. WO1 kicked the knife away from AP while AP was saying to the officers that he wanted to die.

Both officers provided medical assistance to AP until the paramedics arrived.

Witness Officer 2 (WO2)

WO2 was interviewed by IIU investigators on Feb. 24, 2026, and provided the following information:

WO2 confirmed that he was partnered with WO1, and that they were asked to check on AP to confirm compliance with his court ordered release conditions. He confirmed that CW1 allowed them to enter the residence and to go to AP's room. WO2 confirmed that they asked AP for a

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copy of his court order to see if any variances had been made to the release conditions. Once they were confident that AP was in breach of the court order, they advised him that he was under arrest.

AP was compliant but stated that he was lightheaded. WO2 confirmed that AP was allowed to put some pants on because it was cold outside. Once his pants were on, AP grabbed a knife from somewhere and started to stab himself in the neck. WO2 pulled his gun and directed AP to drop his knife without success, so he transitioned to his taser. WO2 deployed the taser, striking AP in the lower back area and causing him to fall to the ground. WO1 seized the knife and WO2 handcuffed AP. AP was saying that he wanted to die while they provided medical assistance.

WO2 stated that other than the deployment of the taser, neither officer used any force on AP.

**Other evidence**

Medical Reports

AP suffered six self inflicted knife wounds to his neck area. A mental health assessment was recommended for AP.

Taser Data Report

Data from the report confirmed that WO2's taser was deployed effectively for almost five seconds of electricity.

**Applicable Law**

All relevant sections of the Criminal Code of Canada were considered with respect to this incident. Sec. 25(1) of the Criminal Code of Canada has been emphasized here for consideration:

> ***25 (1)*** *Every one who is required or authorized by law to do anything in the administration or enforcement of the law*
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> > ***(a)*** *as a private person,*
> >
> > ***(b)*** *as a peace officer or public officer,*
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> > ***(c)*** *in aid of a peace officer or public officer, or*
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> > ***(d)*** *by virtue of his office,*
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> *is, if he acts on reasonable grounds, justified in doing what he is required or authorized to do and in using as much force as is necessary for that purpose.*

**Conclusion**

AP was found to be in breach of his court ordered release and decided to inflict self-harm, causing the officers to deploy a taser to stop further self harm. No officer was designated as a subject officer because their actions were appropriate under the circumstances. Therefore, no charges are recommended and the IIU investigation is now completed and closed.

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