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IN THE MATTER OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO AN IN-CUSTODY INJURY AFTER RCMP ARREST

FINAL REPORT OF THE CIVILIAN DIRECTOR OF THE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION UNIT

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Introduction

On May 4, 2026, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) 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 May 5, 2026:

On May 03, 2026, Nelson House RCMP received a report of an intoxicated male laying on PR391. Upon arrival, Officers located AP on the roadway exhibiting signs of intoxication. AP was cold and all of his clothing was wet due to the weather at the time.

AP was arrested for being intoxicated in a public place and was brought to Nelson House cells for lodging. During the lodging process, AP became tense and began clenching his fists and refused to go in the cell. Members were able to get AP into the cell and upon attempting to close the cell door, AP grabbed the door frame and the door clipped his left ring finger which resulted in a laceration to his finger. First Aid was provided by the members in cells and he was taken to the local nursing station where he was eventually transferred to Winnipeg Health Sciences Centre where he received further treatment to his finger.

As this matter concerned a serious injury 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 the RCMP, or of their own accord:

- notes, narratives and reports of officers
- cell video footage
- medical reports

The civilian director deferred designation on this incident so the further collection of evidence by the investigators could be completed.

Conclusion

After reviewing the information received from the RCMP and the medical records of AP, it has been determined that AP's injury does not meet the definition of "serious injury" as expressed in the IIU regulations. AP pinched his finger briefly in between the cell door causing a minor injury. Therefore, there is no further need for the IIU investigate this incident and the matter will now be considered concluded.

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