

## **IIU concludes investigation into death of male following detention in Fisher Branch**

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the death of a male following his detention at the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) detachment in Fisher Branch.

On July 28, 2023, the RCMP notified the IIU of an incident that had occurred on July 26. According to the notification, at approximately 12:32 a.m. on July 26, an incapacitated adult male was found on Peguis First Nation. He was taken into custody by a First Nation Safety Officer under the Intoxicated Persons Detention Act. He was transported to the Fisher Branch RCMP detachment and lodged in cells without incident. Later, the male had difficulty breathing. Emergency medical services were called and transported the male to Johnson Memorial Hospital in Gimli. He was subsequently transferred to Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg, where he died two days later.

The IIU assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with Sec. 65(4) of the Police Services Act. No subject officers were designated. Two witness officers and two civilian witnesses were interviewed. As part of their investigation, investigators reviewed surveillance video footage from the RCMP detachment.

Following due consideration of all the circumstances and evidence, the civilian director concluded the police officers did not contribute to the male's death, either by action or inaction. Accordingly, the matter is now closed.

The civilian director's complete report is available at [www.iumanitoba.ca](http://www.iumanitoba.ca).

The details of the investigation were first announced on July 31, 2023.

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