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Case Number: 2023-0078

## **IIU concludes investigation into an allegation of fabricating evidence by BPS officers**

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into an allegation that Brandon Police Service (BPS) officers fabricated evidence after an arrest in February 2021.

On Dec. 1, 2023, BPS notified the IIU of a complaint received on Oct. 14, 2023. The complaint was made by the affected person, who had been charged with the robbery of a 7-Eleven store in February 2021 and alleged that BPS officers had falsely charged him and fabricated evidence.

As this matter concerned an allegation of fabricating evidence, which is a prescribed offence under IIU regulations, the IIU assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with Sec. 66(4) of the Police Services Act. Investigators obtained a statement from the affected person and reviewed evidence from the robbery, including video footage, investigator and incident reports, and witness statements. No subject officers or witness officers were designated.

Following due consideration of the circumstances and a thorough review of the evidence, the civilian director concluded there was no evidence to suggest police officers fabricated evidence against the affected person. The IIU investigation is completed and the matter is now closed.

As the affected person remains before the court on charges arising from the incident, the civilian director's report will be made available once those charges are disposed.

The details of the investigation were first announced on Dec. 6, 2023.

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