

May 13, 2024

Case Number: 2024-0025

IIU investigating serious injury sustained by a male in police custody in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating the circumstances surrounding a serious injury sustained by an adult male.

On May 12, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an incident involving a male who may have suffered a serious injury while in police custody.

According to the notification, on May 11 at approximately 11:55 p.m., officers were called to the 500 block of Main Street about a male who had been assaulted by a group of people. Officers located a male with a laceration on his head, sleeping on the ground. Officers requested an ambulance. Paramedics attended and determined the male needed to go to the hospital. At the hospital, the male attempted to assault an officer. A brief use-of-force encounter occurred.

A diagnostic test confirmed the male had suffered a skull fracture. As this injury is defined as a serious injury under the IIU regulation, the IIU is mandated to investigate.

Witnesses or individuals who have information or video footage that may assist the investigation are asked to contact the IIU toll-free at 1-844-667-6060.

The investigation is ongoing so no further details will be provided at this time.

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