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Case Number: 2024-0050

IIU investigating in-custody death in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating the death of a 52-year-old male in police custody in Winnipeg.

On Sept. 15, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) notified the IIU of an incident that occurred in the early morning hours that day.

According to the notification, at approximately 3:55 a.m., officers arrested a male in the 100 block of King Edward Street East and transported him to the central processing unit (CPU) at WPS headquarters. The male was assessed and medically cleared by a paramedic stationed at the CPU and lodged in a holding room.

At approximately 7:30 a.m., CPU members checked on the male and discovered he was unresponsive. The on-site paramedic immediately provided emergency first aid and requested an ambulance. The male was transported to St. Boniface Hospital, where he pronounced deceased.

As this matter involves a fatality, the IIU will request the Manitoba Police Commission to appoint a civilian monitor.

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

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