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Case Number: 2024-054

IIU investigating officer-involved shooting near Gypsumville

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating an officer-involved shooting on Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) 6 near Gypsumville.

On Oct. 24, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) notified the IIU of an incident that occurred at approximately12:28 p.m. the same day. According to the notification, Gypsumville RCMP were on patrol looking for a vehicle reported stolen in Thompson. Officers located the vehicle and tried to perform a traffic stop, but the vehicle fled.

After a short pursuit, a male exited the stolen vehicle holding what was believed to be a weapon, and attempted to carjack a stopped vehicle. An officer discharged their service firearm, striking the male. The male drove off in the second vehicle a short distance before coming to a stop in a ditch.

Police arrested the male and performed emergency first aid on the male until medical services arrived. The male was air lifted to the Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg where he remains.

As any injury caused by the discharge of a firearm by a police officer is defined as a serious injury, the IIU is mandated to investigate. A team of IIU investigators was deployed.

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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