

Jan. 30, 2019

Investigation into serious injury following EPS arrest

On Jan. 28, 2019, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) was directed to investigate the circumstances surrounding injuries sustained by a 25-year-old man during his apprehension and arrest by members of the Edmonton Police Service (EPS).

In the early hours of same day, EPS officers responded to reports of an erratic driver in the area of Victoria Trail and Yellowhead Trail. They located the vehicle, which was reportedly being driven at excessive speed before entering the oncoming lane of traffic and colliding with the median at 107 Street and 120 Avenue, where it became hung up. A confrontation occurred and officers arrested the man. He was taken to hospital, where it was determined he had sustained a hairline orbital fracture and minor lacerations which did not require further attention. However, the man was admitted to hospital for other pre-existing medical issues.

ASIRT's investigation will focus on whether police conduct caused or contributed to the injuries of the man and, if so, whether that conduct was lawful.

With the investigation underway, ASIRT will not make any further comment until the matter is concluded.

ASIRT's mandate is to effectively, independently and objectively investigate incidents involving police that have resulted in serious injury or death to any person, as well as serious or sensitive allegations of police misconduct.

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