

Correction

June 25, 2014

ASIRT concludes Edmonton Police Service use of force investigation

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team Executive Director, Mr. Clifton Purvis, determined that the actions of the police officers involved in this incident were lawful.

On October 24, 2013 at approximately 11 p.m., two Edmonton Police Service officers were patrolling the area of 96 Street and 106A Avenue in Edmonton where they observed a possible assault. The officers intervened and attempted to arrest a 39-year-old man.

The man resisted arrest and a lengthy struggle began. During the incident, a Taser was deployed in order to gain control. Upon being arrested, the 39-year-old man went into medical distress. The officers provided medical attention until Emergency Medical Services arrived on scene. The man was transported to the local hospital where he later passed away.

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team conducted a thorough, independent, and objective investigation. After reviewing the completed investigation along with findings of the Medical Examiner's office, the Executive Director has determined that the officers' actions were lawful and justified. No criminal charges will flow from this incident.

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