

*March 30, 2020*

## **Investigation into medical distress following arrest**

On March 26, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) was directed to investigate the circumstances surrounding the arrest of a 20-year-old man from the Sucker Creek First Nation, who went into medical distress immediately following his arrest.

At about 7 p.m., officers from Lakeshore Regional Police Service (LRPS) responded to a disturbance complaint at a residence on the Sucker Creek First Nation. It was reported that an intoxicated person had damaged property and threatened an occupant of the house. High Prairie RCMP officers attended to assist the LRPS officers.

The subject of the complaint, a 20-year-old man, was located and placed under arrest. During the arrest, a struggle occurred and a conductive energy weapon (CEW), commonly referred to as a Taser, was deployed. After being restrained and removed from the residence, the man went into medical distress. An ambulance attended the scene and transported the man to a nearby hospital. He was subsequently transferred by air ambulance to another hospital, where he remains in stable condition and is expected to make a full recovery.

With ASIRT's investigation underway, no further information will be released at this time.

ASIRT's mandate is to effectively, independently, and objectively investigate incidents involving Alberta's 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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