



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CRAIG N. MEIDL CHIEF OF POLICE

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C16-020 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 3/4/2016
Allegation: Assault
Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

On February 19, 2016, a Spokane County Jail Inmate sent a message to the Internal Affairs stating that when she was arrested she was assaulted by the officer that transported her to jail. The complainant said that the officer broke her toe by stomping on her foot intentionally.

INVESTIGATION

Investigators interviewed the complainant on March 7, 2016. The complainant was still in jail and told investigators that she had taken a plea to the charge from when she was arrested. She said that she pled to Burglary and 3rd Degree Assault and received six months in jail.

Investigators advised her of her rights and Spokane Municipal Code 10.07.020. She signed a form stating she understood. The interview was recorded. She said that there was no problem prior to her arrest. She said that she was transported by both officers to jail and did not know which officer stomped on her foot. However, she believes it was the officer that was driving. She said the officer was angry with her and had been taunting her, but did not remember exactly what was said. She said when the officer let her out of the car he stomped on her foot and she believes that it was broken. She said that she reacted and immediately felt pain. She said no other person was in the sally port and that she reported this to the corrections staff in booking.

Investigators reviewed the body camera footage. The transporting officer was by himself and spoke very politely to her. She exited the vehicle without assistance and walked to the booking area without incident. There was a corrections officer present when the officer was about to let her out of the vehicle. This incident was also captured on the jail surveillance video.

Investigators confronted the complainant revealing that she was captured on body camera. She maintained her story. Investigators contacted jail staff and found she made no report of this during booking.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Investigators filed charges against the complainant. She was charged with: Spokane Municipal Code 10.07.020: Making a false or misleading statement to a public servant/false reporting: A person who knowingly makes a false or misleading material statement to a public servant is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. "Material Statement" means a written or oral statement reasonably likely to be relied upon by a public servant in the discharge of his official powers or duties.