



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C16-033 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 04/25/16
Allegation: Excessive Force
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

A juvenile who is currently in Juvenile Detention on a 1st Degree Assault with a weapon charge, alleges that 10 unknown officers took him to a "warehouse" and used excessive force by punching, kicking and choking him.

The "warehouse" and alleged assault appears to have occurred inside of the jail's sally port and may have involved jail personnel. A police report shows that the juvenile was first taken to Spokane County Jail, due to the fact that he did not provide officers with his personal information.

INVESTIGATION

Photographs were taken of the juvenile. The transport officer's body camera video was reviewed.

According to the CAD report, the transport officer left the area of Mission and Fiske at 23:55:04 and arrived at Jail at 00:07:01, a total elapsed time of 11 minutes and 56 seconds. An Internal Affairs Investigator drove to Mission and Fiske and drove west on Mission to Monroe, then south to Boone. He then went west on Boone to Adams, then through the west entrance to the campus through the gated area to the jail roll up door. This is the route that is most direct to the jail. It took him 11 minutes and 52 seconds, driving the speed limit at 7:35 a.m. The transport officer is parked in the sally port at the jail at 00:09:01 on video. The video does not show the officer pulling into the jail. No analysis was done to determine how far off the jail video and the CAD system times were as it seemed unnecessary.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

It was clear that the complainant's claim of 10 Officers taking him to a warehouse and assaulting him, was in reference to being in the jail sally port. There were several members of the jail staff dealing with him. The transport officer was not a part of the interaction at all once inside the jail sally port.

The jail sally port has video and it appeared in the video that the juvenile was refused admission at jail, and was transported to Sacred Heart Medical Center by ambulance. Not an uncommon occurrence for the jail staff or officers. It certainly does not show any officers "punching, kicking or choking" the complainant as it is alleged in his complaint.

This case was administratively suspended due to all investigative leads being exhausted and no evidence of wrong doing being found.