



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C16-040 OPO Number: 16-15
Date of Complaint: 05/19/2016
Allegation: Harassment/Untruthfulness
Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded
Final Discipline: Training

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant has received notice of (potential) eviction for nuisance due to various calls to the police regarding several incidents at her home. The complainant alleges not all calls originated from her home.

The complaint is specific to an officers ongoing issues with nuisance and conflicts with the complainant's neighbor(s). The complainant alleges that the officer harasses her, makes false reports, lies on reports, and does not investigate both party's statements, only interviewing one side and taking those statements as truth.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed all the documentation of Chronic Nuisance and interviewed the officer and complainant.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The Chronic Nuisance Law lists several calls for service that qualify as a Chronic Nuisance. The law defines a Chronic Nuisance Property as a property on which three or more nuisance activities occur or exist during any sixty-day period.

There are four incidents listed on the Chronic Nuisance form: one from February 1, 2016 (incident number 16-38073), the second dated March 27, 2016 (incident number 16-107162), the third dated March 28, 2016 (incident number 16-108790), and the fourth dated April 17, 2016 (incident number 16-135693).

16-38073: This incident is described as a domestic violence assault. As a result of this call, officers developed probable cause for City Assault Domestic Violence. This call clearly qualifies under the Chronic Nuisance Statute, Section 2e.

16-107162: This incident is also described as a domestic violence assault. Police responded and it appears from the CAD printout that probable cause was established for a suspect, but the suspect was not located. This call also clearly qualifies under the Chronic Nuisance Statute, Section 2e.

16-108790: This incident was a threat call reported by the Crisis Residential Center. The CAD printout says that the resident was threatening to beat up another. This call did not appear to meet the qualification for Chronic Nuisance.

16-135693: This was a call alleging that the neighbor was purposefully having his much larger dog bark at her smaller dog, and was scaring the dog and her daughter. The call was referred to the Neighborhood Conditions Officer. This call was reported as harassment, which also would clearly fall under the Chronic Nuisance Statute, Section 2b.

The complaint was found to be unfounded. There were some training issues that were identified in this complaint and as a result, the Neighborhood Conditions Officers received additional training.