



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C16-071 OPO Number: 16-29

Date of Complaint: 9/28/2016

Allegation: Not Specified

Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Police responded to ten calls for service involving the complainant. Officers arrested him for violation of the noise ordinance. He had been warned about his behavior two nights in a row for violations of the noise ordinance, as well as the day of his arrest.

COMPLAINT

The complainant explained to the Ombudsman Office that he wanted to know why he was arrested. When asked for the basis of his complaint, he filled out a complaint form, stating, "I want to compel you (i.e. the Spokane Police Department) to explain to me what the problem was. As if I didn't already know."

INVESTIGATION

The investigator reviewed incident reports, and watched bodyworn camera (BWC) video from the incident. BWC video from the arrest confirmed that officers were professional. The Ombudsman wrote, "It is noted that the officers involved showed great restraint and calmness in demeanor while handling this incident." The investigator gave several attempts to reach the complainant without success but the contact information he had left was incorrect. Because the complaint focused on the merits of his arrest, the Chain of Command agreed that court was the appropriate place for resolution.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The case was administratively suspended due to the inability to contact the complainant.