



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C16-074 OPO Number: 16-31
Date of Complaint: 10/26/2016
Allegation: Demeanor / Unlawful / Improper Arrest
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Person with a Weapon call for service involving the complainant. At the end of the encounter, officers arrested him for Displaying a Weapon and Malicious Mischief.

COMPLAINT

The complainant's principal complaint dealt with probable cause for his arrest, although during his first conversation with the Office of Police Ombudsman, he indicated that the officers were rude.

INVESTIGATION

The investigator interviewed the complainant and reviewed the bodyworn camera (BWC) video of the incident. During his conversation with the complainant, the complainant clarified that the officers did not have poor demeanor, but that they did not believe him. The issue was with the probable cause, and the case was going to trial a few weeks later. Based on the nature of the complaint, the investigator recommended that the case be suspended as it appeared that officers acted appropriately with the information they were given.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The case was administratively suspended due to the complainant's issue with probable cause, which would be decided at the upcoming court case.