



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C16-076 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 11/17/2016

Allegation: Demeanor

Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer responded to a call for service involving the complainant, where the caller had asked for police to trespass the complainant from his residence because she was refusing to leave. The officer told the complainant she had to leave and was not allowed to return. Later, the caller said the complainant had returned. Another patrol officer came on-scene to assist. Both officers advised the complainant this was her last warning, and if she went back to the house, they would arrest her.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that the primary officer was rude and disrespectful during the second contact when he told her she could be arrested.

INVESTIGATION

The investigator interviewed the witnesses and both officers. The witnesses stated that the involved officer had clearly explained that the complainant was trespassed, but was not rude. The patrol officer stated he was with the involved officer the entire time he spoke to the complainant, and he was not rude or disrespectful. The involved officer acknowledged that he had used a stern voice that could have been perceived as rude, because the complainant was argumentative. The investigator wanted to get more information from the complainant to understand how she thought the involved officer was rude. He tried three times to contact the complainant by phone but she never answered. She did not have a voicemail activated. Unfortunately, she did not have a listed mailing address or home address so he could not find her. Although the complainant was unavailable for a further interview, investigators felt that her initial complaint was not substantiated from the other interviews.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The allegation was determined to be unfounded.