



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C16-077 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 11/25/2016

Allegation: Inappropriate Touching

Chain of Command Finding: Exonerated

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a call for service involving the complainant, where they arrested her for breaking property. They placed her in handcuffs in the living room. One of the officers began to search her pockets, incident to arrest. When they started to search her front pockets, she said the officer was touching her inappropriately.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that she was touched inappropriately during the search.

INVESTIGATION

The investigator interviewed the complainant, witnesses, and both officers. The complainant stated that the officer grabbed her genitals. The witnesses stated that the involved officer was appropriate in his search, only touching her pockets. They also reported that officers were professional in dealing with the complainant. The involved officer said he used the back of his hand to check her back pockets and then moved to search her front pockets. When she said she was being touched inappropriately, they stopped the search and decided not to touch her pockets but lift her baggy jacket and just visually inspect her waistband for weapons. The witness officer stated that the involved officer used the proper searching technique and did not touch the person inappropriately. A review of bodyworn camera (BWC) video showed the search, and confirmed that she was not touched in the way she alleged. Officers were professional in their conduct with the complainant.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The allegation was determined to be exonerated.