

SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C17-027 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 5/1/2017

Allegation: Excessive Force

Chain of Command Finding: Exonerated

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers arrested the complainant while they were executing a search warrant. Officers handcuffed her and transported her to jail. At jail, she made a complaint about the arrest process.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged Excessive Force. The arresting officer grabbed her forearm, causing injury.

INVESTIGATION

The investigation began with the officers' supervisor interviewing the complainant at jail, which was recorded on his bodyworn camera. The Internal Affairs investigation included a review of available documentation, including police reports, photographs, and bodyworn camera video.

Bodyworn camera video showed the officers used escort and handcuffing techniques that were reasonable and within policy. The footage did not show any struggle or complaint by the complainant.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The chain of command determined the officers' actions were appropriate and within policy. The Excessive Force allegations against the two officers were Exonerated.