



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C17-051 OPO Number: 17-24

Date of Complaint: 9/11/2017

Allegation: Inadequate Response

Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant was involved in a domestic dispute. Officers responded to the call and interviewed all parties. Police arrested the complainant.

COMPLAINT

The complainant believed that officers were cordial in their interactions with him. His complaint was with police procedures, specifically with officers interviewing him on his front porch.

INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs investigation included a review of all available documentation, including police reports and bodyworn camera video, and an interview with the complainant. The complainant confirmed that his only issue with the officers' response to the call was that he was interviewed on his front porch, in view of his neighbors. He found this to be embarrassing. He reiterated that the actual demeanor of the officers was cordial and professional. He stated that he does not expect a formal investigation to be completed, but rather wanted us to have the incident "on file."

After reviewing the report and watching the bodyworn camera video, the IA investigator saw that both officers spoke with the complainant in a calm and non-threatening manner. They acted professionally, and appeared to show empathy. It is common practice and within training for officers to separate parties, talking to one party inside the house, and the other outside on these types of calls. The IA investigator advised the complainant that since the officers followed standard protocol, and since he wanted this issue put behind him, his complaint would be classified as an inquiry. The complainant agreed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The Police Ombudsman concurred with the complaint classified as an Inquiry, as there was no indication of a policy violation that remained to be pursued by Internal Affairs.