



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C17-057 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 10/28/2017

Allegation: Unlawful Detention

Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers were responding to a domestic violence and the complainant was leaving the complex as officers arrived. Officers contacted him to determine if he was involved. Upon learning he was not involved, he was released.

COMPLAINT

The complainant said that he was “grabbed” and then “ripped” out of his car.

INVESTIGATION

Two officers were interviewed. The on-duty sergeant originally spoke with the complainant at the scene and an Internal Affairs investigator later spoke with him. Body worn camera footage was also reviewed.

Investigation revealed that that the officer approached the complainant prior to the complainant getting into a car, the complainant was standing in the open doorway of the car. The complainant was verbally confrontational when the officer verbally contacted him. The officer had the complainant sit on the curb until such time as another officer determined that the complainant was not involved with the domestic violence call they were responding to (approximately 30 seconds).

When the complainant was contacted by the Internal Affairs investigator, he said that he did not want the complaint investigated any further. He mentioned that he feared “retaliation” if the complaint continued. The Internal Affairs investigator asked several times to meet with him to get additional information but the complainant refused.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

This complaint was Administratively Suspended due to the fact that the complainant refused to cooperate.