



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C17-058 OPO Number: 17-27
Date of Complaint: 10/17/2017
Allegation: Demeanor / False Reporting / Inadequate Response
Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to the complainant's address on a report of a Domestic Violence assault. One subject was subsequently arrested for Assault 2nd Degree – DV. The complainant, who was not present during the incident, arrived about 20 minutes into the investigation, but did live at the location and was related to the involved parties. The complainant disagreed with the arrest decision, and filed a complaint alleging poor demeanor, a false reporting, and inadequate response.

COMPLAINT

The complainant reported that one of the officers on scene was rude and condescending. She also reported that she received a copy of the police report and was surprised to see that she was referred to the prosecutor for a charge of Assault 4th – DV, and accused an officers of lying in his report as to his probable cause to charge her with the aforementioned charge. Lastly, she also filed a complaint against a supervisor for inadequate response, as she alleges he did not help her resolve her issue with the performance of the officers.

INVESTIGATION

The body camera footage of the incident was reviewed, and it was determined that all of the officers on scene acted politely. In fact, the complainant appeared to act in a disrespectful and rude manner. The body camera footage also plainly showed the probable cause the officer had to charge the complainant with the assault. The investigation also determined that the inadequate response was based on the supervisor's refusal to overturn the officers' charging decision at the scene of the incident.

CONCLUSION

The allegation of demeanor was determined to be unfounded. The allegations of false reporting and inadequate response were both determined to be inquiries.