



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-043 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 7/5/2018

Allegation: Excessive Force

Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended

Final Discipline: N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Spokane Police officers responded to trespass the complainant at the request of a business. Police arrested the complainant for Resisting Arrest and Assault against Law Enforcement due to biting officers and spitting at them.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that the arresting officers used excessive force during the encounter. He claimed to have sustained a broken clavicle and three broken ribs.

INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs investigator reviewed available documentation about the case, including police reports, photographs, and body worn camera video. He contacted the complainant initially and requested medical records. He interviewed the involved officers' sergeant. The investigator contacted the complainant for an interview. During the interview, they discussed the fact that he had court coming up. The complainant asked that Internal Affairs postpone his interview until after court for the assault charges.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The complaint was Administratively Suspended until the complainant's criminal charges are adjudicated. Internal Affairs notified the complainant that when the criminal matter was finished and he was ready to proceed with the internal investigation, that investigators would move forward and address his concerns.