



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-050 OPO Number: 18-28
Date of Complaint: 7/10/2018
Allegation: Inadequate Response & Demeanor
Chain of Command Finding: Multiple
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Two SPD officers responded to a DV assault call in East Central Spokane. The officers arrested the primary aggressor based on probable cause. The complainant/arrestee was booked into jail for Fourth Degree Assault-DV.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that the accused officer did not have probable cause to make an arrest; the arrestee was not provided medical assistance; the accused officer's line of questioning was offensive and that he rolled his eyes in response to the complainant's answers; the complainant was missing bank cards when released from jail.

INVESTIGATION

The officers did have probable cause to arrest the complainant for city assault based upon evidence available at the scene. The complainant had no visible injuries but was afforded medical attention at jail. The questions that offended the complainant were legitimate in the context of the questioning and the nature of the incident. There is no evidence to prove or disprove the accused officer rolled his eyes at the complainant. The body camera video clearly shows the accused officer searching the complainant's personal property incident to arrest, removing her ID for reporting purposes, and then placing the remaining items back into the wallet and back into her bag. There is no evidence that the accused officer removed or retained any of the complainant's personal property.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The complainant's interview, the accused officers' interviews, and the examination of the videos from both responding officers' body-worn cameras provided no evidence of misconduct on the part of the accused officers.

The finding for the Inadequate Response accusation was exonerated. The finding for Demeanor accusation was unfounded.