



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

## CRAIG N. MEIDL CHIEF OF POLICE

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-067 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 8/20/2018

Allegation: Policy Violation (Other)

Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

#### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant's boyfriend was arrested by SPD officers after an extended foot pursuit and a violent struggle. The arrested person was wearing a backpack during this encounter. The arresting officer cut the straps of the backpack in order to remove it from the person while in handcuffs.

#### COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that the backpack was removed intact, but then later cut by someone before returned.

#### INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed the call and body worn camera video. The video shows the officers chasing the arrested individual during an extended foot chase. When catching up to the person, officers had to fight the person, including taking him to the ground in order to apply handcuffs. After the handcuffs were applied, the arresting officer cut the straps of the backpack in order to remove it from the arrested person. The backpack was not intact after its removal from the arrested person as originally thought by the complainant.

#### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The allegation brought forth by the complainant has been deemed an inquiry. It would have been unreasonable to expect the officer to remove the handcuffs from an individual who has already resisted arrest in order to remove the backpack.