



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-081 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 9/12/2018
Allegation: Excessive Force
Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant was contacted by three SPD officers on 09/11/18, at 2200 hrs, after he was accused of theft by a convenience store manager in North Spokane. The store manager trespassed the complainant from the property. The complainant made a verbal threat to harm himself and he took a substantial step to follow through on the threat. Officers developed information sufficient for an Involuntary Treatment Act detainment (RCW 71.05.153). The complainant was placed into a prone cuffing position while he was physically resisting being detained, and transported to a hospital via ambulance.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged the officers used excessive force, kidnapped him, and ordered medical personnel to drug him.

INVESTIGATION

The investigation included a review of police reports, officer's body-worn camera videos, an interview of the complainant, and interviews of involved officers.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The involved officers were found to have acted within the law and SPD policies during their interaction with the complainant. There was no evidence to support the allegation of excessive use of force on the part of any involved officer.

The officers are authorized under RCW 71.05.153, to take a person into custody and immediately deliver such person to the emergency department of a local hospital when he or she has reasonable cause to believe that such person is suffering from a mental disorder or substance use disorder and presents an imminent likelihood of serious harm or is in imminent danger because of being gravely disabled.