



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-100 OPO Number: 18-69

Date of Complaint: 12/18/2018

Allegation: Inadequate Response and Excessive Force

Chain of Command Finding: Exonerated

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant requested police assistance due to his neighbors trespassing and threatening him. The responding officers developed probable cause to arrest the complainant. The complainant resisted arrest by physically struggling with officers who used minimal mechanical force to place handcuffs on the complainant.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that officers only acted on the word of his neighbors who were threatening him and did not gather the facts from both sides, and he alleged the officers assaulted him during the arrest. The official allegations were Inadequate Response (POL 340.3.5(x)) and Excessive Force (POL 300.3).

INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs investigation into the allegations of misconduct on the part of the accused officers included an interview with the complainant; a review of each officer's body-worn camera video; a review of police reports; and a review of the Spokane Police Department Defensive Tactics Manual.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The Internal Affairs investigation revealed the officers acted reasonably and professionally during their investigation and eventual arrest of the complainant. The accused officers were EXONERATED for the allegedly violating the following policies:

POL 340.3.5(x) INADEQUATE RESPONSE
POL 300.3 USE OF FORCE