



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-101 OPO Number: 18-63

Date of Complaint: 12/11/2018

Allegation: Inadequate Response and False Arrest

Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant called 911 to report domestic violence by his significant other. Officers responded to the call and detained him, later arresting him for assault. He was unhappy with the police response.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that officers assumed he was in the wrong rather than talking to him about it. Officers failed to get a statement from him and wrongly arrested him.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed reports and bodyworn camera video from the incident. Based on the resistance officers faced by the complainant when they arrived to investigate a DV assault, it was appropriate for officers to detain him. The complainant's arrest was based on probable cause. Both a witness and victim stated that the complainant assaulted the victim. In that case, it is a mandatory arrest under Washington State law. Bodyworn camera also showed that officers advised the complainant of his constitutional rights. They gave him several opportunities to give a statement but he refused to speak with them.

The Ombudsman concurred that the complaint would be properly classified as an Inquiry, as there was no indication of a policy violation.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The complaint was closed out as an Inquiry.