



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-010 OPO Number: 19-12
Date of Complaint: 2/5/2019
Allegation: Excessive Force
Chain of Command Finding: Exonerated
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

A citizen was involved in a physical altercation with her step-father. Officers investigated the incident and developed probable cause to arrest the complainant for assault. During the arrest process, the complainant resisted and was placed in a prone handcuffing position and taken into custody.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that the force used by the officers was unnecessary and excessive. She also complained that the investigation by the officers was inadequate in that she was not given ample opportunity to give her side of the incident.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs conducted a review of the incident. The complaint was reviewed by the officers' chain of command. The investigation determined that the officers gave the complainant several minutes to explain her version of events, and that the force used was minimal and reasonable.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The chain of command determined that the officers were exonerated of the allegation of excessive force, and that the complaint for inadequate response was unfounded.