



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-017 OPO Number: 19-18
Date of Complaint: 3/6/2019
Allegation: Excessive Force/Demeanor
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a report of a juvenile male with a gun threatening people. When arriving in the area, they observed a juvenile male who fit the description of the suspect. The officers attempted to talk to the male, but the male ran away. The officers caught up with the male and took him into custody via a prone cuffing technique. The male was later determined to not have been involved with the original incident and was released.

COMPLAINT

The complainant is the mother of the aforementioned juvenile male contacted by the officers. The complainant alleges excessive force in that her son was not the correct person they were looking for. She also alleged poor demeanor by one of the officers involved.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed the incident, and determined that the officers handled the call correctly. That said, it was also determined that the juvenile male would benefit from a positive interaction with police officers, so a mediation was explored, to which all parties agreed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

One of the two mediation meetings was conducted. The second meeting had to be postponed due to an issue with the complainant's availability. The complaint was administratively suspended pending the complainant's availability to conclude the mediation meeting.