



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-030 OPO Number: 19-28
Date of Complaint: 4/18/2019
Allegation: False Arrest
Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant and her boyfriend called police after being involved in a collision. As the response time of the police was not to their satisfaction, the complainant's boyfriend accessed a machete and stood in the street and swung the machete at passing cars in hopes of eliciting a faster police response. The boyfriend was arrested.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleges the responding officers did not have probable cause for the charges for which her boyfriend was arrested. She also expressed concern over procedural aspects of the investigation into the incident.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed the incident and determined that the responding officers conducted the investigation adequately and had probable cause to charge the suspect for all of the charges he was booked under.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

This complaint was closed as an inquiry as the allegations were questions into police investigative procedures and not a matter of misconduct.