



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-036 OPO Number: 19-32

Date of Complaint: 5/2/2019

Allegation: Unlawful Search/Seizure

Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to the complainant's address on a report of a DV assault. The officers were advised that the DV sounded physical and the caller heard banging as if furniture was being thrown around. The officers contacted both parties and did not develop probable cause an assault had occurred.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleges the responding officers was forced their way into their home, and that one of the officers "touched" the female.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed the body worn camera video of the incident, and determined the officer responded appropriately. The officers had an obligation to enter the residence to conduct the investigation. The BWC showed the complainant letting the officers into the apartment, which negates forced entry. The BWC also shows one officer touch the female on the back of her elbow in an attempt to get her attention when she was walking away from him.

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.