



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-090 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 10/7/2019
Allegation: False Arrest
Chain of Command Finding: Closed
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

On 08/12/19, a Spokane Police officer arrested a citizen for DUI/Physical Control. The case was later dismissed by the Chief Assistant City Prosecutor.

COMPLAINT

The citizen believed the arrest was not valid due to the case dismissal and subsequently submitted a complaint on the arresting officer for False Arrest.

INVESTIGATION

Spokane Police Internal Affairs conducted thorough review of the police report and arresting officer's body worn camera video. The Chief Assistant City Prosecutor was consulted and he advised the Internal Affairs investigator that the arresting officer did have probable cause for the arrest, but after careful review of the evidence it was determined that the prosecution would not prevail in trial, so the case was dismissed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The arrest was valid because probable cause did exist. The officer's actions were within established criminal case law and Spokane Police Department policy. The case was classified as Closed.