



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-113 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 12/27/2019
Allegation: Demeanor
Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

SPD Officers stopped and detained a motorist in the area of Mission Ave. and Columbus St. on 12/27/19 for an expired registration. During the investigation the driver gave a false name and was arrested for Failure to Provide Info/Cooperate with Law Enforcement and driving with a suspended license. The female passenger in the vehicle was also contacted and was released shortly after because she had not violated any laws.

COMPLAINT

Soon following the traffic stop, the driver of the vehicle called on his girlfriend's behalf to allege one of the officers had frisked her for weapons, and at that time, touched and fondled her inappropriately.

INVESTIGATION

The complaint was initially investigated at the shift Sergeant's level, and referred to Internal Affairs to investigate the complaint more extensively. A review of the Officer's BWC (Body Worn Cameras) showed the SPD Officer's involved had not in any way done the acts the complainant alleged or even had any physical contact with the female passenger. The complainant and his girlfriend later told the shift Sergeant they did not want to pursue the complaint further.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The SPD Officers involved conducted the traffic stop and investigation in accordance with SPD Policy. All of their actions were professional and reasonable. The allegation was deemed to be a false report after an extensive review of the case.