



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C20-007 OPO Number: 20-04
Date of Complaint: 2/6/2020
Allegation: Misleading or False Statements
Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

On 12/27/19, a Spokane Police Officer was dispatched to Deaconess North Emergency Care to investigate a possible domestic violence assault. The officer contacted the victim, who gave statements supporting that an assault did occur, and injuries consistent with being strangled. The officer also interviewed witnesses and as a result developed probable cause for a felony assault charge.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that on 02/06/2020, the SPD Officers quoted her as saying her boyfriend had strangled her and therefore had made a false statement.

INVESTIGATION

A review was conducted of the Officer's BWC (Body Worn Cameras) as well as all related police reports. The complainant was also interviewed to give context to her complaint.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

After a lengthy investigation, the officer's conduct was determined to be appropriate because his report did not make the statement he was alleged to have done. The complainant was made aware of this and recognized there was a misunderstanding of the facts