



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C20-045 OPO Number: 20-27
Date of Complaint: 6/9/2020
Allegation: Inadequate Response
Chain of Command Finding: Closed
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

On 06/03/20, a Spokane Police officer responded to a North Spokane address reference a possible violation of a No Contact Order. The responding officer determined no probable cause existed to make an arrest because the order had not yet been served on the Respondent. The Respondent was no longer present when the officer arrived.

On 06/04/20, the Petitioner requested to speak to a supervisor because he believed officers should have made an arrest. The supervisor responded and explained the process for serving No Contact Orders.

COMPLAINT

The Petitioner submitted a complaint alleging the supervisor failed to take reasonable action when required by law.

INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs investigation consisted of a review of the body-worn camera videos worn by the involved officer and accused supervisor, the CAD report, and police reports.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

WA RCW 26.50.090 (1), states that a protection order must be personally served upon the respondent in order for it to be valid. According to RCW 26.50.110(1) Violation of Order – The respondent must KNOW of the order for a violation to occur. Therefore, the accused supervisor followed Spokane Police Department policy and WA State Law when he determined no arrest could be made. The case was classified as CLOSED due to the allegations of misconduct being disproven upon initial review of the evidence.