



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C20-047 OPO Number: 20-28  
Date of Complaint: 6/8/2020  
Allegation: Excessive Force  
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

While in the area of Downtown Spokane on 05/31/20, the complainant was allegedly injured by what he believed was a rubber bullet allegedly deployed by an unidentified law enforcement officer. The complainant also alleged an unidentified law enforcement officer deployed a gas canister that struck the windshield of the complainant's truck that was parked in the area. The complainant reported the incident to the Spokane Police Department that same date as he sought treatment at a local hospital.

### COMPLAINT

The complainant alleges the unidentified law enforcement officer violated Spokane Police Department policy 301.9, Prohibited Use of Force.

### INVESTIGATION

The internal affairs investigation consisted of an interview of the complainant, a review of the police reports, and many hours of searching through dozens of videos from police body-worn cameras as well as video from local news and social media.

The incident occurred during a period of civil unrest in downtown Spokane. The complainant was in a group of citizens that had been advised multiple times by law enforcement officers in that area that they were part of an unlawful assembly and that they must leave that area. The law enforcement officers working that area were from multiple local agencies. Non-lethal munitions were deployed.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

All reasonable investigative leads were exhausted and no evidence of wrongdoing on the part of any law enforcement officer was uncovered. The investigator could not attribute the allegations to a specific law enforcement officer or even to a specific agency.

The case was classified as Administratively Suspended.