



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C20-052 OPO Number: 20-37
Date of Complaint: 6/24/2020
Allegation: Inadequate Response
Chain of Command Finding: Closed
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

On 06/16/2020, Spokane Police officers responded to a Domestic Violence call at an address in the West Central neighborhood. Probable cause existed to arrest a suspect but the suspect had fled the area prior to police arrival. On 06/17/2020, officers assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit responded to the address to attempt to locate and arrest the suspect. The apartment markings were unclear so the officers knocked on the doors and windows of an adjoining apartment and spoke momentarily with an uninvolved tenant who clarified the apartment layout.

COMPLAINT

On 06/22/2020, a relative of the uninvolved tenant submitted a complaint against the officers who had made the momentary contact. The complainant alleged the officers had targeted his black family by making unnecessary contact with the uninvolved relative. The complainant further alleged his relative was interrogated by the officers.

INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs investigation included a review of the police reports and video recordings from the officer's body-worn cameras.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The officers who contacted the uninvolved tenant on 06/17/2020 limited their voluntary contact to a mere one minute and fifteen seconds. There was no interrogation.

There was no evidence or indication the complaints' family member was treated unfairly due to their race, sex, age, color, marital status, etc. as a basis for providing a differing level of law enforcement service or the enforcement of the law.