



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C20-056 OPO Number:N/A
Date of Complaint: 6/27/2020
Allegation: Demeanor
Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

On 06/23/2020, a citizen holding a poster board sign approached another citizen who was driving a vehicle in the area. The citizen placed the sign near the other citizen's window resulting in an argument between the two. The citizen in the vehicle grabbed the sign causing a piece to be torn off. A Spokane Police officer at the scene cited the driver for malicious mischief.

COMPLAINT

The citizen holding the poster board sign believed the appropriate criminal charge should have been assault. That citizen alleged the officer's actions amounted to Inadequate Response.

INVESTIGATION

The on-scene police lieutenant assigned an on-scene police detective to investigate the criminal act. The lieutenant reviewed the investigating officer's body-worn camera video and conferred with the detective before determining the actions of the investigating officer were professional and that the officer's classification of the crime was correct.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

An Internal Affairs Sergeant reviewed the police lieutenant's written documentation, body-worn camera videos, and police reports. The case was classified as an INQUIRY.