



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C20-076 OPO Number: 20-50
Date of Complaint: 9/15/2020
Allegation: False Arrest
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a report of a domestic dispute. When they arrived, they encountered a male outside the residence. The male admitted he was armed with a gun and officers tried to control his hands, which resulted in some resistance by the male. During the investigation, the male was arrested for Obstructing and believed that the officer purposely “trumped” up the charges because the male accidentally touched the officer’s service weapon while being detained. The complainant also said one of the officers escalated the situation.

COMPLAINT

The investigation involved an allegation of False Arrest.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs investigators reviewed the police report, officer bodyworn camera, and the complainant interview conducted by the Office of Police Ombudsman. A review of the BWC showed no misconduct by the officers, but Internal Affairs recommended that the case be Administratively Suspended as the complaint involved the elements of a crime pending prosecution and the administrative investigation could adversely impact the criminal case.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The case was Administratively Suspended as the complaint involved the elements of a crime pending prosecution and the administrative investigation could adversely impact the criminal case. The Office of the Police Ombudsman concurred.