



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C20-086 OPO Number: N/A  
Date of Complaint: 12/15/2020  
Allegation: Criminal  
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Spokane County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to a domestic dispute between a Spokane Police Detective and his girlfriend. The girlfriend called 911 to say her boyfriend would not allow her to leave the house at first. Deputies arrived at the house and determined that there was no probable cause for an arrest. They did find that the girlfriend broke her own phone but did not determine when or how that had occurred. The detective immediately advised his supervisor about the incident.

### COMPLAINT

An internal complaint was opened to investigate if any policies were violated.

### INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs Investigator reviewed the police reports and interviewed the girlfriend. She described the incident as an argument and nothing more. One of the concerns was whether or not the Detective had physically prevented her from leaving the residence and he did not. She also clarified how her cell phone had been broken during the argument. She again explained how this happened and that her breaking the phone was out of sheer frustration and that she was the one who had broken it. She stated that at no point was there any, "negative physical contact" between the two of them on this day. She is not worried about his ability to perform his duties as a Detective. She further said that at no point was, or is she concerned for her safety. Her statements during the interview were consistent with the Spokane County Sheriff's investigative incident report.

Investigators were unable to substantiate any policy violation to investigate. They submitted the investigation to the Office of the Police Ombudsman as Administratively Suspended (f): All reasonable investigative leads were exhausted, and no evidence of wrongdoing was uncovered.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The case was Administratively Suspended. The Office of the Police Ombudsman concurred.