



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-002 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 1/11/2021
Allegation: Inadequate Response, Demeanor and Making a False Statement
Chain of Command Finding: Multiple
Final Discipline: Suspension

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Spokane Police Officers responded to a domestic violence call. The officers investigated the allegations and concluded probable cause did not exist to arrest one of the parties for a crime of domestic violence.

COMPLAINT:

The SPD Domestic Violence investigative unit reviewed the case and determined probable cause did exist for a crime and an arrest should have been made.

INVESTIGATION:

The investigator reviewed body camera footage, officers' reports, and communication records. The investigator interviewed the two officers involved, along with the DV unit supervisor and other officers that had been assigned to the call.

During the course of the internal investigation, the investigator saw several instances where one of the officers demonstrated discourteous conduct toward a member of the community. Also, during the investigation, the investigator identified a statement made by one the officers that appeared to be deceptive.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation and subsequent review concluded the two responding officers failed to arrest a domestic violence suspect. One of the officers was also discourteous to a community member. Both the Inadequate Response and Demeanor allegation were sustained. Those officers were suspended without pay and received additional training from the Domestic Violence Unit.

The allegation of making a false statement was not sustained.

