



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-007 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 1/28/2021

Allegation: Inadequate Response

Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Spokane Police Officers were dispatched to a DV call on 09/29/20. They contacted a male and in the course of the investigation he was found to have a confirmed DOC warrant for his arrest. A female officer in training conducted a pat frisk as well as a custodial search of the male under the supervision of her FTO and in the presence of two other officers. The male initially did not object to a frisk for weapons but when arrested protested a further search of his person because he alleged it was against the law as well as policy for an officer of the opposite sex to conduct a search of his person and felt violated as a result.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged the female officer touched him inappropriately and was outside of the law and policy when she conducted a search of his person in the course of her duties.

INVESTIGATION

The complainant submitted a formal complaint. The policy on custodial searches was reviewed and the department's training coordinator was consulted with to ascertain whether the officer's actions were within policy under the circumstances.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

After reviewing all of the officers' body worn camera video, and comparing their actions to policy, it was apparent there was no inappropriate conduct. The current SPD policy provided guidance in this situation and was adhered to by the officer conducting the custodial search as well as the witness officers.

