



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-024 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 6/2/2021
Allegation: Excessive Force and Inadequate Response
Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Spokane Police Officers were dispatched to a neighborhood dispute over parking. Officers determined there was no crime, but the complainant was not satisfied and got into a verbal disagreement with another neighbor. An SPD officer had to physically restrain and pull the complainant to prevent them from assaulting the neighbor. The complainant was detained in handcuffs and ultimately not charged with a crime. He was released at the scene.

COMPLAINT:

After the incident, the complainant reported the officers should not have detained them and used excessive force that resulted in bruising and pain. They also wanted to complain that the officers should have ordered the neighbors to go back into their houses and to be “nicer” to them.

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs and the officer’s supervisor investigated this complaint. Police reports and body worn camera video was reviewed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs determined this investigation be classified as an “Inquiry” as the actions and conduct by the officers were reasonable and not a violation of any SPD policy.

