



**SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**CHIEF OF POLICE**  
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**Closed Case Summary**

Complaint Number: C21-028 OPO Number: 21-08  
Date of Complaint: 8/9/2021  
Allegation: Abuse of Authority and Inadequate Response  
Chain of Command Finding: Closed  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

**INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

Officers responded to a dispatched call of a domestic dispute where a female was heard screaming. The neighbor who called said that she was afraid for the female's life as she had not been heard after a very intense scream. Officers arrived and were ultimately let into the apartment by the male. Once inside, they determined that there was no probable cause for a domestic violence crime. The male was arrested for Obstructing after he became unruly with one of the officers and tried to go back to where the other officer was speaking to the female.

**COMPLAINT**

An anonymous complainant stated that the officers targeted the family due to a recent shooting at the house. The complainant also states that Officers were not invited into the house therefore they entered unlawfully and subsequently arrested the male for Obstructing.

**INVESTIGATION**

Internal affairs looked at both officers' BWC footage, and read the reports that were written by both officers.

**ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

Internal Affairs conducted a full and comprehensive investigation into the allegations made in this case. They found that the Officers conducted themselves in a professional manor throughout the incident. They concluded that the Officers were invited into the apartment by the male who then attempted to obstruct their investigation. Internal Affairs closed this complaint upon initial review.

