



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-033 OPO Number: 21-12
Date of Complaint: 8/25/2021
Allegation: Inadequate Response
Chain of Command Finding: Not Sustained
Final Discipline: Additional Training

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Officers responded to a church regarding a person who was being disruptive. Upon the arrival of the officers, the person refused to identify themselves and/or leave and was detained and placed under arrest. The arrested person was taken outside and eventually, after being identified, church staff decided they did not want him arrested but wanted him trespass in the future. The person was released from arrest at the scene and trespassed from location.

COMPLAINT:

The person filed a complaint through the Spokane Police Ombudsman's Office. In the written complaint to Internal Affairs, they stated they were "unlawfully detained, falsely arrested, subjected to handcuffs for no lawful reason or good cause then released when they received the information [they were] unlawfully demanded."

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs investigated this complaint. The complainant and officer were interviewed, body worn camera was reviewed, and Spokane PD Polices and guidelines were referenced.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs determined this complaint would be considered a training matter. The officer acted upon information they believed to be correct at the time, but the way the officer navigated the procedures could have been done better.

