



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-035 OPO Number: 21-14

Date of Complaint: 9/16/2021

Allegation: Inadequate Response

Chain of Command Finding: Closed

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Officers responded to a dispute occurring over the ownership of property. The complainant had been told repeatedly that the dispute was civil in nature and to refrain from taking matters into their own hands and make the incident "Uncivilized," as they indicated. The subject was eventually arrested for assault 2nd after spraying another individual with a foreign chemical. The arrestee feels that Officers did not listen to their side of the story regarding the ownership of the home. There was also an allegation of stolen money that the arrestee felt was not taken seriously by the officers involved.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant was upset at the officers' response to his repeated calls for assistance. The complainant is upset that the Officers allegedly did not take their claim seriously and allowed the other party to take over the residence in question. The complainant admits to selling the property to another individual, but says that the move out date was not necessarily agreed upon. There were several calls to police about this civil issue. The complainant alleges that he was forced out of the home by the new owner and police allowed this. The complainant had stated that cash had been stolen during a previous incident. The complainant allegedly lost all of their belongings in the process.

INVESTIGATION:

Internal Affairs spoke to the complainant, read the officers reports and reviewed the BWC footage.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Internal affairs conducted a full and comprehensive investigation into the allegations made in this case. They found that the officers' acted appropriately and well within their scope of employment. Officers arrested the complainant for 2nd assault. Following the judicial process, complainant was convicted of the charge. The complainant has not filed a crime check report regarding cash that was allegedly stolen or provided evidence that he had been in possession of specific amounts of cash.

