



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-042 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 6/21/2021

Allegation: Excessive Force

Chain of Command Finding: Exonerated

Final Discipline: Training

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

On 04/18/21 at approximately 0100 hours, Spokane Police Officers were dispatched to a report of a female and male acting disorderly at a bar. An Officer contacted the complainant after being asked to stop them by another officer. The nature of the call transitioned to a domestic violence investigation. Officers ordered complainant to stop several times, but he kept walking. The Officer displayed his Taser and advised force would be used if he did not comply. Complainant was detained and found to be very intoxicated. During the contact, Officers tried to investigate, and he believed Complainant was obstructing him, so he placed him under arrest.

COMPLAINT:

The Officer was accused of Excessive Force when he arrested complainant for Obstructing during a domestic violence investigation.

INVESTIGATION:

Internal Affairs conducted a review of Body Worn Camera videos as well as the written reports. Interviews were conducted of the Complainant as well as the Officers involved. A Chain of Command review considered the facts of the incident.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The determination arrived at through the Chain of Command review was that the Officer's use of force was objectively reasonable. It was determined that the Officer could have improved their response and that Officer was assigned training on patrol procedure, use of force and report writing.

