



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-052 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 7/28/2021
Allegation: Excessive Force/Making a False Statement/Supervisor Notification
Chain of Command Finding: Multiple
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Spokane Police Officers developed probable cause to arrest a community member. The community member barricaded himself in a small room inside a residence. Officers utilized a K9 and other arrest tactics to arrest the community member.

COMPLAINT:

The community member complained he was punched in the face several times. None of the involved officers reported this use of force, nor was it communicated to a supervisor.

INVESTIGATION:

The allegation was first referred to the Spokane County Sheriff's Office, as the allegation of assault was criminal in nature. SCSO declined to prosecute the Spokane Police Officer.

The SPD internal investigator interviewed the officers present during the incident. The investigator reviewed their body worn camera footage and written reports, including a written statement provided through the accused officer's attorney. The body worn camera footage was sent to an independent forensic examiner.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation concluded the officer likely struck the community member several times, which the officer denied. The accused officer resigned prior to the investigation and review being concluded.

