



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

Complaint Number: C21-068 OPO Number: N/A  
Date of Complaint: 10/22/2021  
Allegation: Excessive Force  
Chain of Command Finding: Closed  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

On 10/21/21 at about 2230hrs officers responded to a report of domestic violence. During the investigation officers separated the involved parties. One of the parties attempted to recontact the other party and was redirected by officers. This individual became verbally aggressive towards officers. No probable cause for an arrest was established and officers left the scene. This individual requested supervisor response.

COMPLAINT:

The Complainant alleged that the officer slammed a door on and twisted his arm.

INVESTIGATION:

The field supervisor reviewed the body worn camera footage, photographs, and written reports. This supervisor interviewed the complainant as well as received a briefing from the officers involved.

During the review the supervisor noted one officer used profanity as a means of establishing command presence with the uncooperative and cursing subject.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The allegation regarding the physical force regarding the door and arm twist were disproven upon initial review of the body worn camera footage and officer reports. The use of profanity based off the totality of circumstances and the officer's mirroring of the subject's own behavior was determined to be appropriate and effective at the time. Regardless, the officer was reminded to be professional in the future.

