

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-069 OPO Number: 21-27

Date of Complaint: 1/17/2022

Allegation: Inadequate Response

Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

A person made multiple calls to 9-1-1 over the course of a few days to report harassment by hotel staff and other criminal activity that they demanded be investigated by the police. The police responded to the hotel after the person called to report they were in jeopardy of being assaulted by intoxicated persons attending a political protest at the same hotel where they were staying. The caller made numerous irrational statements and requested to be escorted around the hotel by police or security. Officers responded to check the welfare of the person and contacted a security staff member who said they escorted the complainant back to their room and there was no evidence to support any of the claims of the caller.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant contacted Spokane PD, City Officials, and the Spokane Office of the Police Ombudsman to file a complaint of inadequate response.

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Internal Affairs conducted an in-depth investigation and reviewed the 9-1-1 calls placed by the complainant as well as CAD dispatch records.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation determined the complaint would be classified as an "Inquiry." The allegations from the complainant did not result in the discovery of any policy violations or misconduct by the responding officers.

