



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C22-014 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 3/21/2022
Allegation: Excessive Force
Chain of Command Finding: Closed
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

The complainant was trespassing inside a local gas station and refused to leave after the business requested they do so. Officers arrived and the complainant still refused to leave after numerous requests to do so. The complainant was arrested for Criminal Trespass 1st degree. During the arrest, the complainant attempted to resist but was taken into custody with minimal force.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant claimed the officer used an excessive amount of force when they were detained. The complainant said their forearm was grabbed during the detainment.

INVESTIGATION:

The reports submitted along with the body camera footage and photographs were examined.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The complainant was committing the crime of Criminal Trespass 1st degree and refused to leave the private business after numerous requests from the business employee and then by the officer. When the complainant was arrested, they resisted by pulling back and struggled with the officer. The complainant was handcuffed in the standing position and escorted out of the store with a very low level of force – standing cuffing and escorting with arm control.

During a comprehensive review of all the reports and evidence submitted, the officer's actions were deemed reasonable given the totality of the circumstances and within Spokane Police policy.

This case is Closed – Unfounded.

