



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C22-017 OPO Number: 22-05
Date of Complaint: 3/13/2022
Allegation: Excessive Force and Unlawful/Improper Search and Seizure
Chain of Command Finding: Exonerated
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

SPD Officers responded to domestic violence call involving a weapon. Officers arrived and contacted the involved parties. One of the involved parties was sitting in a vehicle in front of the residence. Officers contacted that party (the complainant). Officers gave the complainant several commands in order to control his movements and ensure everyone's safety. The complainant refused to follow the officer's commands. SPD officers took physical control of the complainant and guided him to the ground before handcuffing him.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant alleged that officers had no authority to give him commands and used excessive force.

INVESTIGATION:

The investigator reviewed officer's reports, body worn camera footage, and interviewed the complainant.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation concluded the officers had the legal authority to direct and control the complainant's actions due to safety concerns. The physical force used to control his actions was not excessive.

