



**SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C22-021 OPO Number: N/A  
Date of Complaint: 4/14/2022  
Allegation: Excessive Force  
Chain of Command Finding: Closed  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

The complainant was involved in a DUI collision and was subsequently arrested for DUI. The complainant became uncooperative after the arrest and made allegations the officer elbowed them in the face. While at the hospital for a legal blood draw, the complainant made further allegations that officers “choked” her “choked [her] out” while in the backseat of the patrol car.

### COMPLAINT:

The complainant alleged officers choked her and choked her out while in the back of the patrol car after being arrested. The complainant also alleged an officer elbowed her in the face giving her a bloody lip.

### INVESTIGATION:

A supervisor contacted the complainant the night of the arrest to conduct an investigation into the allegation of excessive force. The supervisor also spoke with witnesses at the hospital.

Body camera footage was reviewed along with photographs taken the night of the arrest.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Statements given by witnesses, evidence from the body cameras and photographs taken all disprove the allegation of excessive force. The actions from the officers involved were all reasonable, within Spokane Police policy and this case finding is Closed – Unfounded.

