



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C22-028 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 5/17/2022
Allegation: Excessive Force and Demeanor
Chain of Command Finding: Multiple
Final Discipline: Verbal Counseling

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Officers responded to an argument call. They spoke to a community member who was argumentative. That community member tried to leave, pushing two of the officers. The officers used physical control tactics to control the community member's movements and handcuff her. The community member was released a short time later.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant called on behalf of the community member who had been handcuffed. The complainant alleged that police officers threw the community member to the ground and assaulted her, resulting in significant injuries.

INVESTIGATION:

The investigator reviewed body worn camera footage, CAD reports, and the officers' written reports.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation concluded the allegation of Excessive Force was Unfounded. The investigation uncovered factual inaccuracies in the complainant's and community member's version of events. The investigation further concluded the officers initially failed to complete reports that documented their use of control tactics. The investigation also showed one officer using foul language. The issues related to reporting and language were referred to the officer's supervisor for informal follow up.

