



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C22-053 OPO Number: 22-17
Date of Complaint: 8/10/2022
Allegation: Inadequate Response
Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Spokane Police Officers responded to a convenience store after an employee removed a person from the store for being in an unauthorized area and for violating their business standard of all customers needing to wear shoes.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant believed he was discriminated against for not wearing shoes due to a medical concern. The complainant stated the officers failed to arrest or cite the employee for putting their hands on them and for not knowing current ADA law.

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs investigated this complaint. Police reports and body worn camera videos were reviewed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs determined this allegation to be unfounded. The body camera footage showed the interaction between the officers and the complainant. The officers completed an investigation with the information available to them at the time. The officers documented their investigation in an incident report. The officers were unable to establish probable cause for an arrest. The officers spoke with the complainant and business employees in a professional and compassionate manner.

