



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C22-087 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 12/30/2022
Allegation: Excessive Force and Body Worn Camera Violation
Chain of Command Finding: Multiple
Final Discipline: Verbal Counseling

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Spokane police officers saw a vehicle driving recklessly in downtown Spokane. They contacted the vehicle, which turned out to be reported stolen. The driver was handcuffed. An officer arrived on scene to assist with evidence collection. He stepped backward and stepped on the driver's hand. The driver was transported for medical treatment.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant alleged the officer intentionally stepped on his hand, causing injury.

INVESTIGATION:

The investigator reviewed body worn camera footage and officers' reports.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation concluded the officer who stepped on the complainant's hand did so inadvertently. This claim of excessive force was disproven. A body worn camera violation was discovered during this investigation. That issue was forwarded to the employee's supervisor for follow up.

