



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C23-010 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 2/14/2023
Allegation: De-Escalation, Excessive Force and Standard Violation
Chain of Command Finding: Multiple
Final Discipline: Multiple

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

During a use of force review, there were several concerns regarding the circumstances leading up to the force used and the type of force utilized.

COMPLAINT:

De-Escalation policy violation, Excessive Force Policy, and Standard 1.2-Officers shall be aware of the extent of the limitation of their authority in the enforcement of the law.

INVESTIGATION:

The Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs did a thorough investigation into all allegations. The I.A. investigator reviewed all pertinent material related to the incident, watched all body worn cameras, and interviewed the officers involved.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation was certified by the Police Ombudsman and sent to an Administrative Review Panel. The investigation was then given to the Chief for final determination. The Chief found the officer violated the de-escalation policy and determined it to be a training failure. The Chief exonerated the officer of the excessive force allegation. The Chief believed the officer did violate Standard 1.2 and required the officer attend a training course offered by CJTC.

