



**SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**CHIEF OF POLICE**  
**CRAIG N. MEIDL**

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C23-033 OPO Number: 23-27  
Date of Complaint: 5/19/2023  
Allegation: Excessive Force and De-Escalation Policy Violation  
Chain of Command Finding: Exonerated  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

The complainant was made aware of a video that was taken by a community member. The video contained a use of force that seemed excessive for the situation and potentially involved a banned law enforcement tactic.

COMPLAINT:

The complaint was excessive force and a de-escalation policy violation.

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, to include video provided by the community member. The investigator interviewed the involved officer, the community member who took the video and another community member who witnessed the incident.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation was completed by SPD Internal Affairs and sent to a chain of command review. After a thorough review of all material pertinent to the investigation, the Chief determined the officer was exonerated of the allegations.

