



**SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C23-047 OPO Number: N/A  
Date of Complaint: 5/31/2023  
Allegation: Improper Search and Seizure  
Chain of Command Finding: Sustained  
Final Discipline: Additional Training

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

The complaint was generated after a supervisor was reviewing body worn camera videos pertaining to a case involving a gun. The supervisor recognized the officers may have not followed proper procedure when they searched a suitcase inside a residence during their investigation.

### COMPLAINT:

The officers may have violated the proper procedures on search and seizure of a suitcase.

### INVESTIGATION:

The Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs did a thorough investigation into the allegation. The I.A. investigator reviewed all pertinent material related to the incident, including body worn camera video from the responding officer. The investigator interviewed the officer's involved.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The complaint was reviewed by the chain of command, and it was determined the officer's violated the policy related to search and seizure. The officer's received additional training from the training department in Patrol Procedures related to search and seizure.

