



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

Complaint Number: C23-054 OPO Number: 23-34  
Date of Complaint: 7/18/2023  
Allegation: Excessive Force  
Chain of Command Finding: Exonerated  
Final Discipline: Closed

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

The complainant was pulled over for suspicion of DUI. During the interaction with the officer, the officer allegedly used force to remove the complainant from the vehicle. The complainant alleged the force used caused her to break her hand.

### COMPLAINT:

The complainant was alleging excessive force.

### 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 the body worn cameras of the officers on scene.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Internal Affairs was able to determine from reviewing the body worn cameras, the allegations made by the complainant were factually inaccurate. The minimal force used to remove the complainant from her vehicle was justified, lawful and proper.

