



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C24-001 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 1/3/2024

Allegation: Inadequate Response, Report Preparation, Inadequate Supervision

Chain of Command Finding: Multiple

Final Discipline: Written Reprimand

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

SPD Officers responded to a residence regarding an assault, which was caught on a neighbor's video surveillance camera. Officers contacted the victim of the assault, who refused to tell officers what happened or identify the suspect. An SPD Officer viewed a portion of the surveillance video. Another officer contacted a male at the residence but could not determine if he was the assault suspect. SPD officers and an SPD supervisor conferred and determined that given the available information, they could not further the investigation. An officer arrested the victim for an outstanding warrant.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant reported the incident through the SPD Chief's office. The complainant alleged the SPD officer failed to collect the video evidence of the assault. She further alleged the officers spoke to the assault suspect at the residence next door but failed to arrest him.

The SPD Captain who contacted the complainant also documented the officer's report lacked suspect information, and the SPD Supervisor who responded possibly could have furthered the investigation.

INVESTIGATION:

The investigator reviewed written reports, CAD reports, Radio recordings, body worn camera footage, and video evidence from the incident. The investigator interviewed the complainant, SPD Officers and the SPD Supervisor.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation concluded that the SPD officer primarily assigned to the incident failed to view the entire video off the assault, collect the video evidence, and interview two key complainants/witnesses.



The Administrative Review Panel concluded the primary officer failed to adequately respond to the incident, leading to a classification of “Sustained” for the Inadequate Response allegation. The allegation of inadequate Report Preparation was “Not Sustained”, as the inadequacies in the report were a reflection of the Inadequate Response. The Improper Supervision allegation was “Exonerated”, as the supervisor was found to have adequately performed his duties given the information available to him at the time.

