



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C24-003 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 1/4/2024

Allegation: Excessive Force, Demeanor and Failure to Report

Chain of Command Finding: Multiple

Final Discipline: Multiple

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Spokane Police officers attempted to stop a male on a bicycle in downtown Spokane. The male refused to stop and lead officers on a pursuit through downtown Spokane. The male was eventually stopped and arrested, physically resisting officers' attempts to arrest him. One officer applied closed fist strikes to the male during the incident.

COMPLAINT:

This incident was reviewed by the SPD Chain of Command. One member of the chain of command referred the matter to SPD Internal Affairs because of the conduct of one of the officers. The allegation was that an officer used discourteous language toward the male during his arrest, as well as one officer using profanity as he applied closed fist strikes to the male. Another allegation was that the officer failed to immediately advise his supervisor of his use of closed fist strikes, as required by SPD Policy.

INVESTIGATION:

The investigator interviewed the involved officers and a witness employee. The investigator reviewed body worn camera footage, written reports, and SPD Policy.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation and subsequent Administrative Review found the following: The allegation of Excessive Force was found to be UNFOUNDED. The allegation of Demeanor was found to be SUSTAINED. The allegation of Failure to report use of force was found to be SUSTAINED. One officer received a Letter of Reprimand and training on SPD Use of Force policy. Another officer received counseling for his discourteous language.

