



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

JUSTIN C. LUNDGREN

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C24-007 OPO Number: 24-02

Date of Complaint: 2/22/2024

Allegation: False Statements

Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

During a physical arrest for outstanding warrants, the arrestee became resistive to his rest. Officers used force to place him under arrest, and he was additionally charged with obstructing.

COMPLAINT:

The arrestee called SPD to file a complaint that the officers used excessive force and provided false statements regarding his arrest for obstructing.

INVESTIGATION:

The use of force aspect of the complaint was investigated by the officers' chain of command and the force was found to be appropriate and within policy. Because the criminal case was still pending criminal prosecution for obstructing, the allegation of false statements was Administratively Suspended. The complainant may contact SPD IA following the court proceedings to re-initiate the complaint.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The use of force was found to be an appropriate level of force given the circumstances and what the officers knew at the time. The false statement allegation was closely related to the complainant's pending court matter, so allegation was administratively suspended.

