



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

### JUSTIN C. LUNDGREN

## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C24-040 OPO Number: 24-21

Date of Complaint: 5/13/2024

Allegation: Inadequate Response

Chain of Command Finding: Closed

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

SPD officers responded to a call involving a person in mental health crisis. Officers developed probable cause to arrest the person in mental health for a crime that is a mandatory arrest under Washington State law. Officers arrested the citizen and booked her into jail.

### COMPLAINT:

The person who was arrested alleged that officers should not have arrested her because she was requesting mental health assistance. She alleged she was not provided appropriate treatment while in custody at jail, and that she suffered a minor injury to her hand while being arrested.

### INVESTIGATION:

The investigator reviewed police reports and body worn camera footage. The investigator interviewed the complainant and viewed a photo she took of a minor injury to her hand.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation concluded that the SPD Officers were justified in arresting the complainant. Washington State law requires officers to make an arrest when they establish probable cause for the crime the complainant allegedly committed. The minor injury to the complainant's hand possibly occurred while the complainant was actively resisting officers' attempts to detain her and would not have been a violation of SPD policy if it occurred during the arrest. The complainant's other concerns about her treatment at jail did not involve SPD personnel.

