



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C24-046 OPO Number: 24-26

Date of Complaint: 6/10/2024

Allegation: Demeanor, Inadequate Response and Making a False or Misleading Statement

Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Spokane Police officers responded to a reported dispute at a Downtown area bar and as a result of the call for service, a person was excluded from the bar. A few weeks later, the excluded person called Crime Check to report they were injured because staff at the bar assaulted him. The complainant said they wanted to file a police report and press charges against the bar staff. The officer contacted the complainant, investigated the incident, and completed a police report. The officer determined there was no probable cause to arrest anyone.

The complainant reviewed the submitted police report and contacted The Spokane Office of the Police Ombuds, and said the report was filled with inaccuracies including that the complainant was developmentally disabled, and they were assaultive toward bar staff on the night of the incident.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant reviewed the investigation and contacted The Spokane Office of the Police Ombuds, and said the report was filled with inaccuracies including that the complainant had a developmental disability, and they were assaultive toward bar staff on the night of the incident. The complainant alleged the officer was discourteous, failed to fully investigate the incident, and provided false information in the police report.

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs investigated this complaint after the complainant was interviewed by the Office of Police Ombuds. The associated police reports and body worn camera videos were reviewed. Spokane PD Internal Affairs interviewed the complainant and interviewed witnesses.



ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs determined this allegation would be Closed-Unfounded: When the investigation discloses that the alleged act(s) did not occur or did not involve department personnel.

There was no evidence to support the officer was discourteous or independently identified the person as developmentally disabled. The information regarding the complainant's disability was provided by two witnesses who knew the complainant and provided the information to the officer during the investigation. The officer investigated the incident and determined there was no probable cause to arrest anyone, and the submitted police report accurately reflected what was known to the officer at the time of the investigation.

