



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

KEVIN HALL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C24-050 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 6/24/2024

Allegation: Improper Tactics

Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Several officers responded to the scene of a collision. During the collision investigation it was determined one of the involved drivers was involved in an argument, which possibly contributed to the collision, and a witness told officers the driver was possibly armed.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant alleged they were illegally searched during a collision investigation. The complainant said they did not consent to being searched and the officer ignored them and continued to search them even though they were not under arrest.

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs investigated this complaint. Police reports and body worn camera video was reviewed, and it was determined the officer conducted a pat down frisk of the complainant for weapons, not a search of their person. Consent is not required for an officer to conduct a pat frisk for weapons. This type of search is used by officers in the field to check an individual for weapons. It involves a thorough patting down of clothing to locate any weapons or dangerous items that could pose a danger to the officer, the detainee, or others.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs determined this investigation would be considered Closed, Exonerated. Based upon the facts and circumstances known to the officer at the time, the pat down frisk of the complainant was justified, lawful and/or proper.

