



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

KEVIN HALL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C24-052 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 7/2/2024

Allegation: Excessive Force

Chain of Command Finding: Exonerated

Final Discipline: None

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

SPD Officers responded to disturbances at an apartment complex on two separate occasions. The two incidents were spaced a few days apart. Both incidents required several officers due to the volatility of the situations and information that firearms were possibly involved. On the second response, the complainant was physically detained and transported to the hospital by ambulance for an involuntary mental health evaluation.

COMPLAINT:

On 07/02/2024, the complainant called SPD Internal Affairs from the hospital and reported the responding officers used excessive force when they took them into custody pursuant the Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) detention. Spokane Police Internal Affairs met with the complainant at a local hospital to accept the complaint in person. The complainant said their arms were injured (visible bruising) because of being physically detained.

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs investigated this complaint. Police reports and body worn camera video was reviewed, and the complainant was interviewed in person. The BWC video content that showed at least four different officers had momentary contact with the complainant's upper arms. The contacts were touching and grasps and did not appear to be forceful, excessive, or in long duration.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Regarding the allegation of excessive force, this investigation is classified as Closed - Exonerated. The officers involved in the physical detention of the complainant used Spokane Police Department approved control and handcuffing techniques.



There were no reportable or reviewable uses of force documented on police reports, and none were observed on body worn camera videos. The control techniques used, which included grasping the upper arms during handcuffing, were appropriate given the circumstances and were not considered excessive.

