



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

KEVIN HALL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C24-059 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 9/25/2024

Allegation: Inadequate Response

Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded

Final Discipline: None

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Spokane Valley Police (SCSO) arrested the complainant upon probable cause to arrest for a domestic violence no-contact order. The arrest in late July was based upon probable cause that was established about three weeks prior. Unbeknownst to the initial responding officer, the no-contact order had been recalled shortly before the reported incident.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant filed a complaint that they were arrested by Spokane Valley/ SCSO for a domestic violence no-contact order that no longer existed. The information that formed the foundation to the arrest originated from the Spokane Police Department and was not updated to reflect that the order was no longer valid.

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs investigated this complaint. The complaint was reviewed, and the complainant was interviewed by a Spokane Police Patrol Sergeant. court records, police reports, internal procedures, and computer aided dispatch records were reviewed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Spokane Police Internal Affairs conducted a comprehensive review of all aspects of this matter. Based on this review, as well as an examination of other evidence pertaining to the matter, it was determined there were several reasons for the incident in question. First, shortly after and on the same date the no-contact order was recalled, the complainant encountered the formerly protected person in Downtown Spokane. That person contacted the police to report the incident. At the time the officer responded and investigated the incident, the officer would have had no way of knowing the order had been recalled. Probable cause to arrest was established, and a report was generated.



Second, on the date the complainant was arrested by Spokane Valley/ SCSO for the order violation, the arrest was based upon the probable cause that was established by Spokane P.D. on the date of the incident. Third, the information that formed the foundation to make the arrest originated from Spokane P.D. and was not updated to reflect that the order was no longer valid until later in the day after the officer submitted the report.

As a result of this investigation, the processes used during the recall of domestic violence no-contact orders have been revised so this does not occur again.

This investigation was classified as Closed – Unfounded. *When the investigation discloses that the alleged act(s) did not occur or did not involve department personnel.*

