



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

KEVIN HALL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C24-071 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 9/9/2024

Allegation: Inadequate Response

Chain of Command Finding: Exonerated

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

The complainant lives in a camper van on a vacant lot near a business on N. Division St. and has an agreement with the property owner that allows them to stay there in camper. The complainant confronted a person on the property and the person pulled a knife on the complainant. An uninvolved person called 9-1-1 to report the complainant was assaulted on the vacant lot, and several officers responded to the area. An officer spoke with the complainant while others checked the area for a suspect.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant contacted Internal Affairs to file a complaint related to the incident described above. The complainant was dissatisfied with the response of the officer who arrived on scene and took their statement and the patrol sergeant who responded to hear their concerns after they requested a supervisor. The complainant believed it was an inadequate response from both the officer and the supervisor.

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Internal Affairs investigated the complaint which included an interview with the complainant. The police reports and several body worn camera videos were reviewed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Based upon the results of this investigation, the allegation of excessive force is considered Closed - Unfounded - *When the investigation discloses that the alleged act(s) did not occur or did not involve department personnel.* The response and service provided by the officers was adequate given the information that was available to them at the time. The officers checked the area for a suspect, and one officer completed a police report to document the incident and officers' actions. The supervisor that responded to the scene, at the request of the complainant, attempted to address the numerous concerns presented by the complainant, but during the conversation the complainant walked away.

