



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

KEVIN HALL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C24-083 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 10/25/2024

Allegation: Excessive Force and Unauthorized Release of Information

Chain of Command Finding: Closed

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Officers responded to an apartment complex reference a hit and run collision. A witness observed the collision and knew the suspect driver to be a resident who lives in the same apartment complex as them. Additionally, video footage of the collision showed the complainant enter their vehicle and back into another vehicle in the parking lot. The complainant left the scene without providing information as required by law.

While speaking with witnesses and the complainant, the complainant moved very close to the officer in a motion similar to circling around someone. The officer touched the complainant on the arm and requested they respect others personal space.

At the conclusion of the investigation, a police report, collision report, and criminal citation were written and submitted. The reports included the names of the involved persons, to include the complainant as he was identified as the suspect and issued a citation for hit and run with property damage.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant alleged the Spokane Police officer who was speaking with him used excessive force when he "pushed" him. The complainant also alleged the two officers who responded to the call for service he was involved in shared details about them and the incident publicly. The complainant contacted Spokane Police Internal Affairs and stated they wanted to file a complaint about the officer's actions.

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Internal Affairs investigated the complaint which included an interview with the complainant and review of the two officer's body worn camera video footage.



ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation concluded the officer's conduct was reasonable considering the facts and circumstances known at the time. The officer's touch of complainant's arm was not considered a use of force, and other than a brief touch, no other physical contact was made with the complainant. The officer documented the incident on a police report and collision report, which included the involved person's names, which is standard practice whenever a vehicle collision is involved.

