

# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF POLICE KEVIN HALL

# **Closed Case Summary**

Complaint Number: C25-005 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 1/10/2025

Allegation: Excessive Force

Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:**

Spokane PD was called to a residence reference a domestic violence incident. Officers established probable cause to arrest a person for assault with a deadly weapon, and the person refused to exit resulting in a standoff situation. An SPD Police K9 was involved in the apprehension of the suspect.

# COMPLAINT:

A police lieutenant conducted a chain of command review of the K9 apprehension and during the review, they reviewed drone footage captured by an SPD drone officer. This drone footage recorded the suspect exiting the apartment and being contacted by the dog. There were discrepancies when comparing the drone footage and reviewing officers' reports. In an effort to be transparent and thorough, the lieutenant requested Internal Affairs review the K9 use of force due to the discrepancies.

## **INVESTIGATION:**

Spokane Police Internal Affairs investigated this incident. During the investigation, police reports, drone video, and body worn camera video were reviewed. The involved K9 officer was interviewed.

## ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

After the Internal Affairs investigation was completed, the investigation was forwarded through the chain command. The allegation of excessive force was determined to be unfounded. The investigation determined the officer's actions were appropriate given the facts available to them at the time and from the location the K9 officer was at the time of the apprehension. The drone recorded video from a perspective and visual angle the K9 officer did not have at the time.

