

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF POLICE KEVIN HALL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C25-019 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 3/5/2025

Allegations: False Arrest and Demeanor

Chain of Command Findings: Unfounded

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Officers responded to a residence reference a domestic violence between an elderly parent and their adult son who lives in the home. Officers determined there was probable cause to arrest the son for Malicious Mischief – DV and they were arrested and transported to the jail for booking.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant contacted Spokane Police Internal Affairs to file a complaint. The complainant alleged the officers who responded were overbearing and their demeanor was inappropriate. The complainant claimed the officer made up charges and violated their constitutional rights.

INVESTIGATION:

This investigation was assigned to Spokane Police Internal Affairs. Police CAD records, police reports. and body worn camera video was reviewed. The Spokane City Prosecutor's Office was consulted regarding the allegation of false arrest.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

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.

Five Spokane police officers responded to the residence after the elderly parent called for help. The first officer to arrive heard sounds of an argument coming from inside, and when they looked through an open window, they saw the adult son damage a door where the elderly parent had taken refuge. When other officers arrived, they contacted the son outside and determined there was probable cause to arrest the son for Malicious Mischief – DV. Body worn camera video showed the officers maintained professional and courteous demeanor during the entire call for service. Regarding the claim of false arrest, the assigned City Prosecutor stated the arrest was lawful and appropriate.