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Director of Law Enforcement
Spokane Police Division
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Dear Mr. McDevitt,

C 15-095/OPO #15-48. Upon review of the completed Internal Affairs investigation, I have determined the investigation to be thorough, timely, and objective.

This case provides a good example for Spokane Police Division ("SPD") to utilize in order to emphasize the following procedural and training topics for SPD: (1) procedural justice, (2) cultural sensitivity, (3) de-escalation, (4) complaint intake procedures, and (5) redaction/public records requests.

Lastly, the complainant did not receive any information regarding the arrest of the minor defendant. Although it is common to provide information to the victim, I am unaware of an existing policy to provide parents of a juvenile suspect information such as report numbers, officer name, and badge number. I recommend providing the information to the parents of juvenile suspects so the parents are kept in the loop as to what is happening with their children and what steps to take next.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call me at (509) 625-6742.

Best regards,

Bart Logue
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