

SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

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Mr. Bart Logue Office of Police Ombudsman 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd Spokane, WA 99201

RE: R19-01 Juvenile Miranda Advisements

Dear Mr. Logue,

Thank you for forwarding your recommendation regarding the Spokane Police Department's current practices related to Miranda advisements, specifically as they apply to juveniles. Director MacConnell has modified language in policy 324, *Temporary Custody of Juveniles*, which will be reviewed by Command Staff in January 2020 for final input. In addition, King County Sheriff's Office juvenile Miranda warnings were presented to the department's Senior Staff on December 11th and the verbiage was well received. The KCSO language, once implemented by SPD, will address the suggestion outlined in your recommendation.

As we finalize the policy changes we will also formalize the use of the updated juvenile Miranda warnings. I will request Dir. MacConnell keep you looped in as we complete the final stages of this process.

Sincerely,

Craig Meidl Chief of Police Spokane P.D.

