



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C16-015 OPO Number: NA
Date of Complaint: 2/18/2016
Allegation: Inadequate Response and Racial Bias
Chain of Command Finding: Inadequate Response - Sustained
Racial Bias - Unfounded
Final Discipline: Document of Counseling

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant claims that an officer should have written a report on her claim that a vehicle dealer stole her car stereo. She said that the officer gave her poor service because of her race and transgender status. She claimed that he had contact with her on several other calls over the years.

INVESTIGATION

This incident is captured on body camera. Internal affairs reviewed the footage and interviewed the officer. The complainant would not return calls.

The complainant purchased a used vehicle. The transmission went out in Seattle and she had it towed back to the dealer. When she went to retrieve her stereo from the vehicle it was missing. She called police. The responding officer said that he went to the dealer's lot and contacted an employee. The complainant was reporting that her sub-woofer box was stolen from her vehicle. The dealer said that their employee did remove the sub box and they would pay for the box. However other stereo items were still missing. The officer determined this was a civil dispute.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The officer received a document of counseling for not completing a police report. There was an allegation of a crime. While the dealer was accepting responsibility for one item, the dealer's statement did not account for the other missing items. There was no evidence of racial or gender bias.