



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C16-016 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 2/18/2016
Allegation: Racial Bias / Demeanor
Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officer responded to a vehicle collision and contacted parties from involved vehicles. The occupants of the at-fault vehicle all stated that the male accused of driving was not the driver; however, three independent witnesses indicated that he was, in fact, the driver. This resulted in the male being cited as the driver. Later, a family member called in to file a complaint, accused the officer on scene of basing his enforcement decision because of their skin color.

COMPLAINT

Racial Bias and Demeanor

INVESTIGATION

A Police Sergeant who supervises the accused officer contacted the complainant and explained that a contested citation needed to be argued in court. The complainant then contacted the Sergeant's supervisor and wanted to file a formal complaint against the officer. When asked why the complainant believes that the officer treated them differently due to their race, the complainant offered no objective reasoning, and only answered because he/she felt that he did.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

After review of the incident and the allegations against the officer, and finding no evidence of wrongdoing, the Internal Affairs Lieutenant closed out the complaint as an inquiry.