



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C16-032 OPO Number: 16-13

Date of Complaint: 04/08/2016

Allegation: Harassment

Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant alleges being personally targeted for creating chalk art on sidewalks is a violation of his protected First Amendment Rights to Free Speech. Complainant was issued a citation, while another chalk artist was not. He also claims the citation was preprinted, complete with all of his information. Further, in the citation, the yes box was checked off for matching photo ID when complaint alleges identification was not checked.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed the officer's reports and body camera footage.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

This complaint was categorized as an inquiry. The allegation does not constitute a policy violation. A prosecutor was contacted about whether or not the complainant's actions were a criminal violation. The prosecutor stated that a crime was taking place because the chalk that was being used left a stain that did not wash off. The complainant's identification had been verified by previous contacts and via Spokane Police Records System.