



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C16-038 OPO Number: N/A  
Date of Complaint: 5/26/2016  
Allegation: Demeanor/Abuse of Authority  
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Internal Affairs received a call from the owner of a cable company. He said his crew was working on drilling in the road at Mission and Upriver. He said that his foreman told him they were confronted by an officer that accused them of stealing a piece of equipment. The complainant was most concerned about any allegations against his employees that might be true.

### INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs took a recorded statement from the site foreman. He said the officer accused them of stealing a GPS device and threatened to shut down their job site. Internal Affairs interviewed the officer. There was a map of the GPS reading, showing the device inside the area.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

A GPS device that was being used in a stolen vehicle investigation fell off of the vehicle and was tracked to the job site. The officer believed that one of the workers picked up the device. He used some questioning techniques with the workers in an attempt to recover the device. While these techniques made the workers feel accused they were not against policy. The complainant was satisfied with the investigation. The case was administratively suspended.