



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

## CRAIG N. MEIDL CHIEF OF POLICE

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C16-046 OPO Number: 16-18  
Date of Complaint: 6/20/2016  
Allegation: Demeanor  
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

#### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The Complainant was southbound on Stevens Street near Lewis and Clark High School, when she was pulled over by an unmarked white truck with flashing lights on its fender. The complainant is unsure if this encounter was with a Spokane Police Officer. The man/officer who pulled her over was in plain clothes, but wore his badge around his neck like a medallion. The interaction was hostile. The man reminded her several times he could cite her for reckless driving, a \$500 ticket. The complainant was so upset by the man's demeanor that she only recalls his first name, Mark.

#### INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs contacted Border Patrol, Homeland Security, and Park Services to try and confirm if the truck/man belonged to their agency without any success.

On 6/23/16, the complainant's husband called the Office of the Police Ombudsman to provide the following additional details:

1. The lights on the white truck were "clear" (possibly white).
2. Since the incident, the complainant has seen a white truck driving by her home on several occasions. The complainant fears the man may bother her at home since she showed him her driver's license when he pulled her over.

The Internal Affairs Investigator asked the complainant if she could possibly identify the officer if she saw him again, but she said she didn't know. The investigator offered to let her come to the Public Safety Building to review the board with all of the officer's photographs, but also told them that undercover officer's photographs would not be on that board.

The investigator then reached out to SPD's Fleet Management, and asked if any of our officer's or detectives were driving a white truck equipped with flashing lights, particularly on the fenders.

They said the only person who had a truck like that on the department was one particular officer. The complainant said the officer identified himself as “Mark” and gave a last name, but she could not remember it. This is not the name of that officer.

The investigator checked to see if that officer was working on that particular day. This officer works in Technical Assistance Response Unit, mainly on computers, and does not make traffic stops. His work location at the time was verified.

The investigator found one white truck issued to a detective. This truck is not equipped with emergency equipment. The detective that it is assigned to does not match the complainant’s description. The investigator found one person who works for the county that has a white truck. This person had been off for the last two weeks.

#### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The case was administratively suspended after all investigatory leads were exhausted.