



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C16-051 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 7/6/2016
Allegation: Inadequate Response
Chain of Command Finding: Sustained
Final Discipline: Written Reprimand

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer was flagged over by a female. The officer was, at the time, completing a prisoner transport, so another officer and a Corporal responded to the scene. The female reported to the officers on scene that the reason she flagged the officer over is because she was just attacked by a male who tried to rape her. The officer conducting a prisoner transport handed off the call to the two other officers and completed his transport. The officer who responded to assist ended up giving the female a ride home.

COMPLAINT

The complainant states that although the female reported to the officers that she was nearly raped, no incident report had been completed and no investigation was done. SPD policy states that all reports of sexual assault or attempted sexual assault shall be documented in a report.

INVESTIGATION

The investigation concluded that the female did, in fact, report to the officers that she was nearly raped, and that no incident report was completed. The initial officer stated he handed the call off to the other officers and continued his transport. The officer who gave her a ride home stated that the female did tell him about the attempted sexual assault, but that her story seemed implausible. He also stated that he was unaware of the reporting requirements and relied on the leadership of the Corporal in for the disposition of the call.

CONCLUSION

The allegation of inadequate response was sustained as to the Corporal and the officer who gave the female a ride home. They each received a letter of reprimand. The officer who was conducting the prisoner transport was exonerated of wrongdoing.