



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C16-060 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 8/15/2016
Allegation: Planting Evidence
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

In January of 2015, the complainant was arrested and transported to Spokane County Jail. While exiting the vehicle, the transporting officer found a baggie of methamphetamine in the backseat area where the complainant was seated.

COMPLAINT

In August of 2016, the complainant wrote a letter to Internal Affairs claiming that the methamphetamine was not his and that the officer must have planted the evidence.

INVESTIGATION

Due to the length of time between the incident and the reporting to Internal Affairs, investigators were unable to develop any leads to assist in the investigation. For instance, surveillance video at the jail is not retained for that length of time.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The complaint was administratively suspended as there were no leads to investigate, nor any evidence to consider. Also, it is SPD policy and articulated in collective bargaining agreements that such complaints are not investigated if reported beyond one year of occurrence.