



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C16-065 OPO Number: 16-26
Date of Complaint: 9/12/2016
Allegation: Inadequate Response
Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant was trespassed from a building after an interaction with an elected official's staff members. After the incident, another law enforcement agency contacted SPD about the incident. SPD then notified Frontier Behavioral Health about the concerns regarding the complainant's behavior.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleges that the officer slandered him when he contacted Frontier Behavioral Health (FBH) to share that the complainant's behavior had concerned the official's staff. He felt the officer should have contacted him before contacting FBH. The allegation in this case was Inadequate Response.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed all the available written documentation and interviewed the complainant. The IA sergeant was able to explain why the officer notified FBH about the complainant's concerning behavior. The IA sergeant informed the complainant that the concern about his behavior had originated from another police department that was trying to assess if the complainant was a threat to the elected official. SPD contacted FBH at the agency's request. Documentation showed that FBH did not release information about the complainant or verify if he was a FBH client, but only agreed to take information. SPD shared the agency's concern about the behavior.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The review of the interaction between the officer and the complainant determined that the officer acted appropriately. Therefore, the complaint was closed as an Inquiry.