



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C16-067 OPO Number: 16-32
Date of Complaint: 9/27/2016
Allegation: Demeanor
Chain of Command Finding: Not Sustained
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant was involved in a road rage incident and called police for assistance. A detective followed up on the case.

COMPLAINT

The complainant was unhappy that the Prosecutor declined to file charges in the case, but his primary allegation was poor Demeanor by the detective investigating his case. Specifically, he felt it was distasteful that the detective used himself as an example, saying that he might react the same way as the other party if he felt threatened.

INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs investigator interviewed the complainant and detective and reviewed available documentation. The detective recalled speaking with the complainant and that the complainant was unhappy that no charges were filed. The detective did not remember saying what the complainant had attributed to him, but did remember saying that he had seen these types of situations escalate to the point of where someone is shot and it is not worth it to have these kind of confrontations. There were no witnesses to the phone conversation, and the phone conversation was not recorded.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

There was no evidence to support the allegation of misconduct on the part of the accused officer. The allegation against the officer was determined to be not sustained.