



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C16-069 OPO Number: 16-27
Date of Complaint: 8/31/2016
Allegation: Improper Parking
Chain of Command Finding: Exonerated
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant alleged that a police car was parked illegally in a handicapped designated area in the emergency parking lot of Deaconess Hospital.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that the officer was abusing traffic laws.

INVESTIGATION

The investigator reviewed available documentation about the incident. The officer had responded to the hospital on official business to guard a subject. The investigator spoke to the officer, who believed that the handicapped parking spot he parked in was not currently valid but was "decommissioned." The investigator found that the officer was correct; the parking spot did not have the appropriate signage as required by state law. To remedy the situation, he contacted Deaconess. Due to the complaint, Deaconess put up proper signage for the space. The investigator then contacted the complainant, who was satisfied with the explanation and action taken.

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 exonerated.