



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C17-009 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 2/7/2017
Allegation: Conduct Unbecoming
Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant found a post on Facebook that he found offensive. It contained a photo of an officer holding a rifle over his shoulder while posing with other males.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that the photo showed improper firearm handling and was an improper Facebook post for an officer. He sent his complaint in an email to Human Resources.

INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs investigator reviewed documentation. He discovered that the officer was not a Spokane Police Department employee at the time of posting the photo on Facebook. The investigator examined the photo. He confirmed the man had a rifle over his shoulder with a group of males in the woods. The man was not pictured with any SPD employees or wearing clothing that represents SPD. Nothing in the post referenced SPD.

The investigator noted that the picture did not violate any SPD policy, even if the man had actually been an employee at the time. He recommended that the complaint be classified as an Inquiry.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

There was no evidence of misconduct by the officer. The case was closed as an Inquiry.