



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C17-016 OPO Number: 17-8
Date of Complaint: 2/16/2017
Allegation: Improper Driving
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant observed two police units traveling at extremely high speeds without activating their emergency lights and sirens.

COMPLAINT

The complainant was concerned for the safety of other motorists because the officers sped through an intersection with the lights flashing yellow without slowing.

INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs investigator spoke with the complainant to confirm the date and time he saw the two vehicles. The complainant was not able to get a vehicle number or license plate number as he was in a drive-through at the time. The investigator pulled the markup for the night in question and found which patrol teams were working and checked with Fleet records. He looked at unit histories for the units working the location at the time. He could not find calls at that time near the location, or any calls that would require an elevated response. He was unable to determine who was driving fast on that date and time with any certainty. He consulted with the Police Ombudsman about the complaint. It was determined that the complaint would be administratively suspended after supervisors completed roll call training on excessive speeds.

The Internal Affairs sergeant sent out shift-level training to the patrol teams in response to the complaint. The Training Unit provided additional training on speed at the In-service training for all officers.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The Internal Affairs Lieutenant requested to classify the complaint as Administratively Suspended. The Ombudsman concurred with the classification.