

SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CRAIG N. MEIDL CHIEF OF POLICE

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C17-017 OPO Number: 17-10

Date of Complaint: 3/14/2017

Allegation: Demeanor

Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a call about a juvenile runaway. The complainant was unhappy with the police response.

COMPLAINT

The complainant stated that a responding officer had a condescending attitude and it was clear that he wanted to make the complainant's life miserable.

INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs investigator reviewed the reports and body worn camera video. The complainant was clearly upset with the situation and had told officers he was at the end of his rope with the juvenile's behavior. Officers were professional and respectful in their communications with the complainant. Their actions were within SPD policy and training. There was no indication from the officers that there was any intent to come back and harass the complainant, as he had stated in his complaint. The investigator tried to contact the complainant on three separate occasions but the complainant did not return his calls. The investigator felt that there was enough evidence from the body worn camera video footage to make a determination about the officers' demeanor. He recommended that the complaint be sent to the chain of command for a determination, even without the cooperation of the complainant.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The chain of command determined that no misconduct had occurred and the complaint was without credibility. The demeanor allegations were determined to be Unfounded.