

SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C17-025 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 4/17/2017

Allegation: Improper Driving

Chain of Command Finding: Not Sustained

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant witnessed an officer speeding and driving through a red light without emergency sirens activated. She was able to identify the vehicle by its assigned number.

COMPLAINT

The allegation was Improper Driving.

INVESTIGATION

The shift-level investigation included a review of available documentation. The supervisor reviewed the officer's CAD history that showed him responding to a DUI call. The officer had body camera footage during the alleged traffic violation but another officer used his bodyworn camera when she transported the suspect to jail. There was no bodyworn camera footage of the officer driving.

The supervisor interviewed the officer and had him review his unit history for that date. The officer recalled responding to assist with a blood search warrant and did not recall running a red light, explaining that he had no reason to run a red light.

The supervisor concluded he could not determine if the officer committed a traffic violation.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The chain of command determined there was not sufficient evidence (video, photo, independent witness) to sustain the complaint. It was found to be Not Sustained. SPD provided training on the importance of safe driving of emergency vehicles at In-Service.