



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C17-040 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 5/18/2017
Allegation: Policy Violation - Other
Chain of Command Finding: Sustained
Final Discipline: Termination

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a reported kidnapping and assault (stabbing). Information was developed that a family member of the accused officer in this case was involved in the incident. The accused officer on duty at the time and was involved in contacting the suspects in the call.

COMPLAINT

The complainant against the accused officer is for violation of:

Policy 340.3.5 (x) - Violating any felony statute or any misdemeanor statute where such violation may materially affect the employee's ability to perform official duties or may be indicative of unfitness for his/her position.

Policy 340.3.5 (z) - False or misleading statements to a supervisor or other person in a position of authority in connection with any investigation or employment-related matter.

Reference policy 340.3.5 (x), the Officer was accused of rendering criminal assistance to his family member and the other involved parties, accused of deleting text messages from his personal cell phone related to the incident, and was charged criminally with Rendering Criminal Assistance and Tampering with Physical Evidence.

Reference Policy 340.3.5.(z), the Officer was accused of making misleading statements to investigators at the scene, minimizing his knowledge of the event in an attempt to alleviate culpability as to the rendering criminal assistance.

INVESTIGATION

The Officer pled guilty to one count of Rendering Criminal Assistance and to Tampering with Physical Evidence. Internal Affairs reviewed the criminal case and attempted to interview the accused Officer, who elected not to be interviewed

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The complaints against the officer were sustained with a discipline finding of termination. The officer retired in lieu of termination.