



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C17-043 OPO Number: 17-19
Date of Complaint: 8/15/2017
Allegation: Harassment and Failure to Provide Name/Badge Number
Chain of Command Finding: Multiple
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant alleged that an officer was profiling and stalking him.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged the officer profiled him and circled his car around him. Then he told the complainant to step away from his car.

INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs investigation contained a review of documentation and interview with the officer. Internal Affairs tried multiple times to interview the complainant without success. The complainant cancelled the last interview on the day of the interview and offered to meet a month or so later, but that delay would put the investigation outside of the 180-day timeline. The complainant had offered to give a statement and photos but never sent them.

The officer had a verified reason for being in the area, unrelated to the complainant. He was assisting another officer, actively seeking a criminal suspect who had fled from the contact. He contacted the complainant briefly with the belief he was possibly filming the fleeing suspect the officers were seeking. As he drove to the area near the complainant, the complainant approached the officer and was hostile in his demeanor. The officer left the area when he realized the complainant would not be able to assist him in locating the fleeing suspect, and he did not want to engage in confrontation with the male.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The chain of command found there was no evidence of misconduct. The allegations were determined to be Unfounded and Exonerated.