



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C17-044 OPO Number: 17-21  
Date of Complaint: 8/18/2017  
Allegation: Unlawful Detention  
Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant alleged that an officer stopped him for speeding.

### COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged the officer gave him a written warning and he did not think it was justified.

### INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs investigation contained a review of documentation and interviews with the officer and complainant, as well as body camera video.

The officer used radar to detect the complainant's speed, and took two measurements. The radar clearly showed a violation of driving in excess of the speed limit (63/64 mph in a 55 mph zone). The complainant, in his interview and in the body camera video, admitted he was "probably going 60." The traffic stop is thus a legal contact.

The officer's actions were appropriate. The traffic stop was based on a reasonable suspicion of a traffic violation.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

There was no violation of policy. The Ombudsman agreed with the classification of Inquiry and the case was closed as such.