



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C17-046 OPO Number: 17-22

Date of Complaint: 8/22/2017

Allegation: Unlawful Detention and Harassment

Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant sent an email reporting a local hospital to the Department of Health. He emailed the Office of Police Ombudsman saying that someone had forwarded his email to an officer. He alleged that the involved officer harassed and unlawfully detained him.

COMPLAINT

In his email, the complainant asked the Office of Police Ombudsman to initiate a formal complaint against the officer for acting maliciously. The complainant alleged that the involved officer locked down the hospital, sent five squad cars to the complainant's home, and removed him with assault rifles at gunpoint, detaining him for an involuntary treatment act evaluation.

INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs Lieutenant was unable to find the incident in question. He tried to find the incident based on the name in the email, by performing a local search on the complainant's name. He saw that there were various persons with the same name, but he was not sure which person had been involved in a police incident. None of the people with that name were listed as having a related police contact.

Internal Affairs and the OPO made multiple attempts to contact the complainant to get enough information to find the incident. OPO Assistant Luvimae Omana reached out to the complainant for more specific contact information. IA Lieutenant Bart Stevens also emailed the complainant, requesting contact. The complainant did not respond to either request.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The Police Ombudsman agreed to administratively suspend the complaint until they could make contact with the complainant or until the incident could be identified.