



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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**CHIEF OF POLICE**

## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C17-060 OPO Number: 17-28  
Date of Complaint: 11/9/2017  
Allegation: Demeanor  
Chain of Command Finding: Mediation  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer contacted the complainant and cited him for a violation of the sit and lie ordinance. The complainant was unhappy with the officer's demeanor during the encounter.

### COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that the officer laughed at him and treated him in a demeaning manner.

### INVESTIGATION

The officer's supervisor was assigned to investigate the complaint. However, soon after submitting the complaint, the complainant contacted the Police Ombudsman and told him he was doing better and he had made amends with the officer via a voicemail. The Ombudsman invited him for coffee, and the complainant suggested that the Ombudsman "extend an olive branch" and invite the officer to coffee. Ombudsman Logue felt that the coffee meeting could be an ideal way to mediate the complaint. Internal Affairs, Chief Craig Meidl, and Ombudsman Logue agreed to a mediation between the complainant and involved officer.

The mediation lasted approximately an hour and was successful in resolving the complainant's concerns.

### CONCLUSION

Closed by mediation.