



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C17-061 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 11/16/2017
Allegation: Inadequate Response / Insubordination
Chain of Command Finding: Sustained / Not Sustained
Final Discipline: Written Reprimand

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

On 3/23/2017 the Special Victims Unit (SVU) Sergeant assigned an SVU Detective a Cybertip case. That detective began his investigation by writing a search warrant on 4/11/2017 and determined the IP address associated with the tip was located in Spokane County outside the Spokane City limits on 4/12/2017. Normally the detective would notify his sergeant that the investigation is outside the city limits and the case would be referred to the Spokane County Sheriff's Office.

On 11/11/2017, while reviewing this detective's cases, the sergeant saw there had been no action on this case since 4/12/2017. He directed the detective to settle the case and he did so on 11/13/2017.

COMPLAINT

The SVU Sergeant made an internal complaint for Inadequate Response for the lack of timely investigation of a sensitive case and Insubordination due to him having previous issues with this detective's work.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs investigated the complaint, interviewing the involved parties. The detective acknowledged not getting the case completed in a timely manner.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The allegation of Inadequate Response was found to be sustained as the detective should have referred the case to the Spokane County Sheriff's Office in a timely manner. There was no indication that the detective acted in willful disregard to a lawful order so the Insubordination complaint was found to be not sustained.