



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-013 OPO Number: 18-61
Date of Complaint: 2/14/2018
Allegation: Improper Traffic Stop
Chain of Command Finding: Not Sustained
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant states he was pulled over and alleges that there was no probable cause for a traffic stop on the night of the incident.

COMPLAINT

The officer said there was an issue with the complainant's brake lights but complainant said they were in perfect working order. Complainant believes the officer conducted the traffic stop without lawful authority and his vehicle was profiled due to its unique appearance.

INVESTIGATION

The investigator interviewed the officer and attempted to reach the complainant multiple times without success. Body worn camera footage showed professional demeanor by the officer, and the driver admitted his middle brake light might be having problems or might be dimmer than it should be, which would be a justification for the traffic stop. The driver was driving with a suspended license but the officer did not cite him. The video captured the tail light activation but not necessarily brake light activation.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The allegation in this complaint was determined to be Not Sustained.