



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-020 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 3/20/2018
Allegation: Policy Violation 340.3.2 - Failure to Report
Standard Violation 6.4 - Maintaining Integrity of Department
Chain of Command Finding: Sustained
Final Discipline: Suspension

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer alleged that another officer had sexually assaulted her. She advised the officer who was the owner of the residence in which the assault had occurred. That officer failed to report the incident. The victim later disclosed the assault to another officer who reported the assault.

COMPLAINT

The internal investigation involved two specific allegations:

Policy Violation - 340.3.2: Failure of any employee to promptly and fully report activities on the part of any other employee where such activities may result in criminal prosecution.

Standard Violation - 6.4: Maintain the integrity of the department through complete disclosure of those who violate any of these rules of conduct, violate any law, or conduct themselves in a manner which tends to discredit the law enforcement profession.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed the criminal reports, including interviews, and the court records. Investigators interviewed a witness to the conversation between the involved officer and victim, when the victim reported the assault. Investigators also interviewed the involved officer and the officer who had reported the assault.

SPD held an Administrative Review Panel (ARP) to review the case. The ARP determined that the involved officer's actions were misconduct because he should have reported the assault. His inaction reflected negatively on the department.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The allegations were determined to be Sustained. The officer received a suspension of 40 hours as a sanction.