



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-023 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 4/17/2018
Allegation: Policy Violations
Chain of Command Finding: Multiple
Final Discipline: Written Reprimand

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

A third party told SPD detectives that he had heard another SPD detective make disparaging and threatening remarks towards another employee.

COMPLAINT

The complaint involved two specific allegations:

Policy Violation- 340.3.2 (k): Discourteous or disrespectful treatment of any member of the public or any member of this department or another law enforcement agency.

Policy Violation- 340.3.2 (f): Knowingly making false, misleading, or malicious statements that are reasonably calculated to harm or destroy the reputation, authority, or official standing of the department or members thereof.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs interviewed all possible witnesses and the involved employee. Unfortunately, the third party who reported the complaint to SPD detectives did not cooperate and provide the original source of the comments. None of the witnesses interviewed corroborated the allegation of making threatening remarks. One witness recalled the involved employee making disparaging remarks but not any threatening remarks. The involved employee admitted to making disparaging remarks about the fellow employee to friends but denied making threatening remarks. She said she should have “kept my mouth shut and not given my opinion about it.”

A chain of command review followed the Internal Affairs investigation.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The first allegation was determined to be unfounded. The second allegation was determined to be sustained, resulting in a Letter of Reprimand.