



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-027 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 5/1/2018
Allegation: Unlawful/Improper Search and Seizure
Chain of Command Finding: Not Sustained
Final Discipline: N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant was involved in a traffic stop.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that the officer did not have legal justification for the traffic stop. The stop was allegedly for a trip permit violation but the permit was clearly marked as valid at that time.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs investigators reviewed all documentation of the incident, including police reports and body worn camera. Investigators interviewed the involved officer and complainant.

The chain of command determined that the traffic stop was valid because of the driver's failure to signal. The officer needed to articulate that fact clearly, as case law prevents officers from stopping a vehicle simply to verify a valid permit. The chain of command recommended additional training for the officer.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The allegation was determined to be Not Sustained. The officer received individual training on temporary/trip permit violations and stops.