



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-031 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 5/24/2018

Allegation: Wrongful Exercise of Authority

Chain of Command Finding: Exonerated

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

A juvenile female filed a Child in Need of Services Petition through Spokane County Superior Court. The Petition was granted by a Judge and served on the complainant. The child was picked up from school by a grandparent and went to live with her birth mother several days later.

### COMPLAINT

The complainant believes that an SPD Officer assisted in facilitating the removal of the child because the grandmother of the child is the sister of his mother in law. The complainant believes the SPD officer was complicit with the Spokane County Sheriff's Office in their response to the school and SCSO's lack of response to the complainant's custodial interference complaint.

### INVESTIGATION

Officials from the child's school district (including a contract social worker at the school), SCSO employees, DSHS (CPS) employees, Spokane County Juvenile Department employees, family members, and SPD members were interviewed during the investigation.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

There was no indication that the SPD employee had any involvement with the incident other than an initial phone call in which a family member asked the officer for advice on how to handle the situation. The employee was exonerated.