

SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-032 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 6/5/2018

Allegation: Policy Violation 700.2: Care of Departmental Property

Chain of Command Finding: Sustained

Final Discipline: Suspension

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

A Spokane Police Department detective reported his police radio had been lost or stolen. He was not sure if he had misplaced it or if had been taken during a vehicle prowling. It had been lost for several months before he reported it to his supervisor.

COMPLAINT

Internal Affairs opened an internal investigation into the employee's handling of department property. The investigation focused on an allegation of Policy 700.2 Violation. Employees shall be responsible for the safekeeping, serviceable condition, proper care, use and replacement of department property assigned or entrusted to them. Specifically, employees are required to promptly report any loss, damage to, or unserviceable condition of department property through their chain of command.

INVESTIGATION

The investigator reviewed available documentation about the case and interviewed the involved detective. The investigation showed that the detective had handled department property in a careless manner. He had noticed his radio was missing in February 2018 but did not report the radio missing until June 2018.

The chain of command review determined that the detective had violated policy.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The allegations were determined to be Sustained. The officer received a one-day suspension as a sanction.