



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-035 OPO Number: 18-12

Date of Complaint: 6/12/2018

Allegation: Demeanor and Inadequate Response

Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

A citizen, who wished to remain anonymous, alleged that SPD officers could have done a better job when responding to a situation where a man was robbed and assaulted at the train station. The victim had experienced several strokes and his speech is impaired. SPD officers presumed he was drunk, and should have attempted to notify his next of kin.

COMPLAINT

The complaint involved two specific allegations: Demeanor and Inadequate Response.

INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs lieutenant was unable to find the victim's name in any local records, and unable to locate an incident where Spokane Police officers had responded or contacted him. Internal Affairs also did not find an incident that matched the description of events given by the complainant, after researching 19 calls for service that had occurred at that location. Internal Affairs needed more information to proceed with the investigation, such as the date and time of the incident, and to identify the involved officers (SPD, private security at the Intermodal station, Border Patrol, etc.). The Police Ombudsman reached out to the complainant for more information. The complainant confirmed the spelling of the victim's name, but was unsure of the other details and said they would get back in touch. The Police Ombudsman did not receive any further contact from the complainant.

Internal Affairs and the Police Ombudsman agreed to administratively suspend the investigation until further information regarding the incident could be obtained.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The investigation was Administratively Suspended.