



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-038 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 6/19/2018

Allegation: Body Worn Camera Violation

Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

While reviewing a pursuit of robbery suspect, the chain of command noted that an officer did not have his body camera on according to policy. The officer had stated in his report that the incident was captured on his camera. SPD opened an internal complaint.

COMPLAINT

The complaint involved a violation of policy 703.4.D.1-Activation of Body Camera.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs located the body camera video referenced in the officer's report. Internal Affairs found that the officer had activated his body camera as required, but the footage was linked with another incident number. Just prior to responding to the call in question, the officer had responded to a call with his body worn camera activated. After six minutes on the scene, was preempted to respond to a higher priority call (the incident referenced with this complaint). At the time he was preempted, he forgot to turn his camera off and on again. Therefore, video from both incidents was associated with the first call for service rather than the second, and not located immediately. Internal Affairs viewed the video footage from both incidents and confirmed that the combination of both videos from the two incidents captured his involvement in the incident in question.

The supervisor explained to the officer how the complaint came about and gave the officer instructions on how to note both incident numbers if something like this occurred in the future.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The investigation was closed as an Inquiry.