



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-046 OPO Number: 18-27
Date of Complaint: 7/11/2018
Allegation: Unlawful Seizure
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers conducted a vehicle contact with three occupants of a stolen vehicle. Two of the occupants were released without charges. The complainant in this investigation is the domestic partner of one of the passengers that was released without charges.

COMPLAINT

The complainant filed a complaint in the Office of Police Ombudsman (OPO) alleging that his partner was detained in a stolen vehicle stop, during which time keys were taken from him and not returned. The complainant alleges that the keys belong to him and he went without his keys for about a week.

INVESTIGATION

Body worn camera videos were viewed and it was determined that the passenger from whom the keys were allegedly taken from had left the keys in the vehicle when he exited. He never asked the officers about the keys and there was no conversation between him and the officers about retrieving his keys. It was also determined that the owner of the vehicle found the keys when she picked the vehicle up at the scene. She gave them to an officer and explained that the keys were not hers. The officer found a library card on the key ring and tracked down the owner, the complainant, and returned the keys to him. The complainant was asked to have his domestic partner, who was at the scene, contact Internal Affairs to give as statement, but no such contact has been made.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

This complaint was administratively suspended pending contact from the complainant's domestic partner.