

SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CRAIG N. MEIDL CHIEF OF POLICE

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-048 OPO Number: 18-26

Date of Complaint: 7/10/2018

Allegation: Inadequate Response

Chain of Command Finding: Exonerated

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant's son had two encounters with Spokane Police Department involving a local business. The complainant was unhappy with police response.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that a local business was targeting her son as a nuisance because of his mental illness and Spokane Police officers have not done anything to support him during two calls for service.

INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs investigator reviewed available documentation about the case, including police reports, photographs, and body worn camera video. Interviews were conducted with the involved officers and the complainant. A review of the investigation and bodyworn camera footage showed that the officers were professional in their encounters with the complainant's son. The chain of command concluded that the officers' actions were reasonable. In the incident where the complainant said her son was harassed, the complainant's son did not report the alleged threat to the officers. Officers did not have reason to believe there was a crime based upon the statements gathered. They reasonably viewed the incident as a neighborhood dispute. In the incident where the complainant said a collision had occurred, the officers did not find evidence that a collision had occurred.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

All involved officers were Exonerated on the Inadequate Response allegation.