



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-052 OPO Number: 18-29
Date of Complaint: 7/25/2018
Allegation: Inadequate Response
Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer was flagged over at a community center about a potential disorderly subject inside. The officer contacted the subject who has what he referred to as his service animal. The center employees stated that he did not have control over the dog, which was barking at children, and did not have any legitimate business at the center and wanted him to leave. The officer advised the male to leave.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleges that the center employees were violating his rights under the ADA to have a service animal in the facility, and that the officer was complicit in this violation by making him leave.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed the allegations and determined that the reasoning behind having the complainant leave the facility was not due to his service animal, but rather his lack of control over the animal and his lack of business with any organization in the center.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The complaint was classified as an inquiry.