



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-054 OPO Number: 18-33

Date of Complaint: 7/31/2018

Allegation: Demeanor

Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant was attending a Cathy McMorris-Rodgers rally as a protester. He was standing under an awning at the front entrance of the building in which McMorris-Rodgers was speaking. Two unidentified officers approached him and asked him to move out from under the awning to keep the front entrance to the building unimpeded. He asked the officers if they would carry signs with him, and they refused, stating that they are to remain neutral.

COMPLAINT

The complainant filed a complaint in the Office of Police Ombudsman alleging that the officers failed to remain neutral when they asked him to move out from under the awning and to stay outside the posts holding up the awning.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs spoke with the complainant and reviewed the matter. Officers at rallies such as this are, in part, tasked with keeping building egress unimpeded during protests/rallies.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The complaint was closed as an inquiry as the officers acted in a manner expected of them given the circumstances.