



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-056 OPO Number: 18-19
Date of Complaint: 7/31/2018
Allegation: Multiple
Chain of Command Finding: Sustained
Final Discipline: Written Reprimand

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant was riding a bicycle when stopped by an officer for a traffic infraction. The complainant was handcuffed and told by the officer to sit on the sidewalk. The complainant was cited for a traffic infraction and released.

COMPLAINT

The complainant disputed the officer's original reason for the stop. The complainant alleged the officer was discourteous and disrespectful in his treatment of her during the contact.

The accused officer was investigated for violating Canon 1 Standard 1.2 - Extent of Authority & SPD Policy 340.3.2(k)-Discourteous Treatment.

INVESTIGATION

The complainant and officer were interviewed. The video from the officer's body-worn camera was reviewed. The complainant contended she did not commit the alleged violation of the traffic law for which she was stopped. The officer stated he initially stopped the complainant for one traffic infraction but the complainant's argument caused him to reconsider. The officer chose to cite the complainant for a traffic violation he saw the complainant commit a few moments prior the stop.

The officer's body-worn camera video did capture the alleged traffic law violation for which the complainant was cited. The video did depict the interaction between the officer and complainant once the traffic stop was initiated.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The complainant's interview, the accused officer's interview, and the examination of the video from the officer's body-worn camera provided evidence of policy violations on the part of the accused officer.

The officer was found to have violated Canon 1 Standard 1.2 - Extent of Authority (removing the citizen's glasses and applying restraints without an articulated need to do so) & SPD Policy 340.3.2 (k) - Discourteous Treatment.