



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-060 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 7/16/2018

Allegation: Improper Driving

Chain of Command Finding: Not Sustained

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant originally contacted Spokane County Sheriff's Office to complain about the driver of a black SUV police vehicle speeding near his home in Spokane County. The vehicle was actually assigned to a Spokane Police Department officer.

### COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that an officer sped past him in a black SUV police vehicle. He later pulled over to the side of the road. The two men spoke and the officer told him he had to be going 35 mph. The officer then fled away and began zigzagging in and out of traffic. He said the vehicle continually flies past his house.

### INVESTIGATION

The investigation included interviews with the complainant, the involved officer, and two witnesses. Witness A is a friend of the complainant and Witness B is a friend of the officer. The complainant's and officer's statements were in conflict with each other and there were no witnesses that can corroborate what occurred between them on that day.

The officer denied speeding on the road. The officer and Witness B both stated they have experienced heated confrontations with the complainant in the past. The officer's account was confirmed by a police report and a conversation with his supervisor. The police report filed by the officer a year prior described a particularly egregious encounter where it is alleged the complainant followed the officer, threatened to kill him, and "lunged" his car at him. Witness B had a similar experience where he reported the complainant followed him after yelling at him about driving.

The complainant reported that he has seen the officer's vehicle speed past his house before. He did not mention the previous encounter with the officer. Witness A reported that he has seen a city police SUV and a standard patrol car go past his house in excess of 50 mph.

The chain of command noted that there was insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint.

#### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The allegation was determined to be Not Sustained.