

SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CRAIG N. MEIDL CHIEF OF POLICE

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number:	C18-077
Date of Complaint:	9/12/2018
Allegation:	Harassment
Chain of Command Finding:	Unfounded
Final Discipline:	Not Applicable

OPO Number: 18-49

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant had several encounters with the involved officer. He alleged that the officer has continually harassed and threatened him.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that the officer made disparaging remarks about him to other business owners in his neighborhood. He said he was threatened during an argument with the officer about code violations. The officer put his hand on his gun and asked, "You willing to bet your life on this?"

INVESTIGATION

The investigation involved a review of body worn camera (BWC) video and voicemail. Internal Affairs interviewed the complainant, involved officer, and two witnesses.

The evidence did not support the complainant's allegation. BWC video refuted the complainant's allegation of what the officer said to threaten him. Witness interviews confirmed the officer did not put his hand on his gun as the complainant alleged.

In their review of the investigation, the chain of command noted that the officer had a calm and reasonable demeanor while dealing with the complainant on multiple occasions, explaining the law in a clear and concise manner, even when the complainant was upset and animated.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

There was no evidence of misconduct by the officer. The allegation of Harassment was determined to be Unfounded.