



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CRAIG N. MEIDL CHIEF OF POLICE

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-085 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 8/26/2018

Allegation: Unlawful/Improper Search and Seizure, Demeanor, Excessive Force and Policy Violation

Chain of Command Finding: Multiple

Final Discipline: Verbal Counseling

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An SPD officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle occupied by two people after the driver failed to signal a turn. The passenger in the front right seat began arguing with the officer while reaching into the center console. The officer removed his duty pistol from its holster and ordered the passenger to stop reaching in the console. Another SPD officer arrived as backup and the passenger complied with requests to keep his hands visible for officers.

COMPLAINT

The passenger alleged that the primary officer unlawfully seized him and the driver by conducting an unlawful traffic, used excessive force, and exhibited poor demeanor.

INVESTIGATION

The investigation consisted of a review of the videos captured on the involved officer's body-worn cameras, a review of police reports, and interviews of the involved officers. The complainant and driver did not respond to requests for interviews.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The investigation revealed that the primary officer did not violate SPD policies governing Search & Seizure, Demeanor, and Use of Force. However, the investigation revealed the officer neglected to complete the Race Data form required for traffic stops.

The finding for the allegations of Unlawful Search & Seizure, Demeanor, and Excessive Use of Force was exonerated.

The finding for the allegation of Failure to Report Demographic Information was sustained. The discipline imposed for this finding was Verbal Counseling.