



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-097 OPO Number: 18-62

Date of Complaint: 11/20/2018

Allegation: Unlawful Seizure

Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

A driver for a local construction company was stopped a couple of times for vehicle violations by a commercial vehicle enforcement officer. The company was cited for the violations observed by the officer.

COMPLAINT

It was alleged that the officer stopped the vehicles without sufficient justification. One was an equipment violation (taillights) that appeared to be working after the stop. The other was for gravel spilling out onto the roadway, but it was after the load was dumped.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed the body worn camera footage, and it was determined that the officer explained the reasons for the stops in sufficient detail, and both were deemed to be violations justifying the reasons for the stops. The lights were likely the result of an electrical short, and the gravel was residual from the previous dump.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

As the stops were deemed valid and there is no policy violation, this complaint was deemed an inquiry.