



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-009 OPO Number: 19-07

Date of Complaint: 1/29/2019

Allegation: Standard Violation

Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

A citizen violated a "Don't Walk" signal downtown, walking directly in front of an officer driving his patrol vehicle. The officer had to stop to avoid a collision with the citizen. The officer subsequently cited the citizen for Pedestrian Interference.

COMPLAINT

A third-party bystander filed a complaint in the Office of Police Ombudsman, complaining that the enforcement in this situation was unnecessary and was not in line with the "spirit of the law".

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed the incident, reviewing the officer's report, his body worn camera video, as well as surveillance video that captured the incident. It was apparent that a law violation occurred and that the officer conducted his enforcement with the law in accordance with law and policy.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

As there was no allegation of wrongdoing on the part of the officer, but rather a disagreement by a third-party citizen as to Department priorities and practices, this complaint was closed as an inquiry.