



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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CHIEF OF POLICE

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-011 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 2/6/2019
Allegation: Criminal
Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer was told by a third party that another officer had assaulted his wife. The complainant advised that she had concluded an assault had occurred due to a bruise she observed on the wife's arm. She thought it was the result of domestic violence. The complainant had not reported her concern to law enforcement but had told a co-worker. It was then relayed to a Spokane Police Department officer who subsequently informed Internal Affairs.

COMPLAINT

The case involved a criminal allegation of Domestic Violence Assault that occurred in 2017 in West Richland, Washington.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs interviewed the complainant and several witnesses. Investigators interviewed the wife and involved officer separately. Both denied that an assault had occurred. After reviewing the investigation, it was determined that there was no available evidence to substantiate that a domestic violence assault had occurred. Internal Affairs contacted Richland Police Department, the law enforcement agency that would have had jurisdiction during the time of when the alleged crime occurred, and briefed the Chief on the case. Richland Police Department declined to investigate the incident criminally.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The allegation was determined to be Unfounded.