Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-024
Date of Complaint: 3/18/2019
Allegation: Biased Policing
Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS
On 12/09/18, Three Spokane Police Officers witnessed a collision at an intersection. The at-fault driver ran a red light and his vehicle collided with another vehicle in the intersection. The at-fault driver was cited for Failure to Obey a Traffic Control Device.

COMPLAINT
The at-fault driver submitted a complaint through the Office of Police Ombudsman alleging the officer who cited him for Failure to Obey a Traffic Control Device only cited him because of his race.

INVESTIGATION
The investigation consisted of a thorough review of the involved officer’s body worn camera video, Police Reports, and CAD report. The three involved officers were interviewed. The complainant declined to be interviewed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION
The actions of involved officers were within Spokane Police Department policies and Code of Ethics. The allegation of Biased Policing was deemed to have been unfounded.