



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-025 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 4/9/2019
Allegation: False Statements
Chain of Command Finding: Closed
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer testified in a court hearing. The testimony centered on the contact and search of a vehicle and what was found in that vehicle.

COMPLAINT

The presiding judge made some comments on the record questioning the veracity and truthfulness of the witnesses. A citizen sent an email requesting an investigation into the incident.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs investigators reviewed the court transcripts and the officer's reports. There were no discrepancies between the SPD officer's report and his testimony in court. The prosecutor handling the case was contacted and she stated that the SPD officer's testimony in court was "truthful and forthright". The Spokane City Attorney's Office reviewed the materials associated with this investigation and determined that no further investigation was necessary.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The review of the allegations and evidence pertaining to the officer's testimony determined that the officer was not deceitful and that he truthfully answered the questions posed to him during the hearing. Subsequently, the complaint was closed.