



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-026 OPO Number: 19-25
Date of Complaint: 4/8/2016
Allegation: Demeanor and Bias Policing
Chain of Command Finding: Multiple
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

During a City Council Meeting the officer assigned to security asked an attendee not sit in a seat that was located in close proximity to the officer's seat. Shortly after, that officer let another attendee use the seat in question.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged he was asked not to sit in the seat because he is black, and the other person was allowed to sit in the seat because he was white.

INVESTIGATION

An investigation into this complaint revealed the officer explained to the complainant that he didn't know him, therefore he didn't want him sitting in that chair because it could inhibit his ability to deal with a potential security issue. The officer further explained the reason he allowed the other person to use the chair was he knew him and he was retired Law Enforcement. During the interview, the complainant was asked what the officer's demeanor was and he described it as "cordial."

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The findings in this case were as follows: Demeanor – Unfounded and Bias Policing – Exonerated.