



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-031 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 4/26/2019
Allegation: Making a False or Misleading Statement
Chain of Command Finding: Sustained
Final Discipline: Termination

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

A newly-hired officer was starting the Basic Law Enforcement Academy at the Spokane County Sheriff's Training Center when a Sheriff's Office employee recognized the officer. He told Spokane Police Department (SPD) staff that the employee had been eliminated from their hiring process and had been trespassed from the location. The discussion between the agencies indicated that the officer may have omitted information or was untruthful during his background investigation with SPD.

COMPLAINT

The allegation was Making a False or Misleading Statement.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs investigated the allegation of false statements. The investigation uncovered misconduct that occurred prior to the officer's employment with SPD. The officer did not disclose the misconduct during the hiring process with SPD. The omission disqualified him from employment.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The allegation of Making a False or Misleading Statement was Sustained. The employee's probationary status with SPD was terminated.