



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-085 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 9/16/2019
Allegation: Criminal and Unlawful/Improper Search & Seizure
Chain of Command Finding: Closed
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

In 2013 detectives conducted an investigation wherein they served a search warrant and subsequently seized evidence. The suspect pled guilty on June 4, 2014 to drug crimes and was sentenced to prison.

COMPLAINT

The suspect alleged that the detectives violated his 4th Amendment right of unreasonable search and seizure and produced "false evidence".

INVESTIGATION

The investigation included a review of court documents. In addition to the original conviction, the case had been appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals where it was dismissed and his petition for a panel rehearing was denied on March 2, 2016. There were other court proceedings as well.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The officers' actions were found to have been compliant with Washington State Law and Spokane Police Department Policies. The allegations are more appropriately addressed in a court of law, which is where they have been addressed.