



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-093 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 10/30/2019
Allegation: Demeanor
Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

On 10/09/19 the Spokane Police Department was investigating a hit and run traffic collision that resulted in a fatality. Officers were given a description of the suspected driver. According to the media release of the incident that was sent out that evening, the suspect was described as a Native American male with shoulder length hair and wearing darker clothing or a red flannel jacket. The complainant had concerns about the media release labeling a suspect involved in a hit and run as a Native American. Stating that people of other ethnicity should have been included in the release as possibilities. When the complainant was put in contact with an SPD representative to voice her concerns, she believed the tone of the officer was aggressive and not understanding of her point of view.

COMPLAINT

The complainant in the Internal Affairs case alleged the Officer's demeanor was inappropriate.

INVESTIGATION

An investigation was conducted of the citizen's complaint, documents associated with the case, an interview of the officer involved and the department's policy on conduct. The Internal Affairs investigator attempted to reach out to the complainant but was unsuccessful. Based upon that investigation it was determined the Officer's demeanor was not unprofessional.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

As stated above a review of the case showed the Officer's actions on this call were within policy.