



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-106 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 11/27/2019
Allegation: Standard Violations
Chain of Command Finding: Multiple
Final Discipline: Suspension

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

During the investigation of another complaint, information was given to Internal Affairs regarding a supervisor. It was alleged that the supervisor's behavior was promoting a culture of encouraging unnecessary uses of force and promoting a culture of disparate treatment of citizens based on their level of cooperation.

COMPLAINT

The allegations involved violations of the following ethical standards:

- Ethical Standard 2.1: Officers of the Spokane Police Department shall be aware of their lawful authority to use that force reasonably necessary in securing compliance with their lawful enforcement duties.
- Ethical Standard 6.1: Members of the Spokane Police Department shall recognize that every person in our society is entitled to professional, effective, and efficient law enforcement services.
- Ethical Standard 6.3: Members of the Spokane Police Department shall conduct themselves so as to set exemplary standards of performance.

INVESTIGATION

Human Resources arranged for an independent investigation. Following the conclusion of that investigation, both the Police Guild and Lieutenants & Captains Association concurred that Internal Affairs should conduct a more in-depth investigation. Internal Affairs reviewed all available documentation and interviewed the involved employee. Investigators also interviewed eighteen other employees.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The first two allegations were determined to be Not Sustained. The violation of Standard 6.3 was Sustained. The sanction was a two-day Suspension. The employee was also assigned to a different administrative assignment to assist with his mentoring.