



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C20-003 OPO Number: N/A  
Date of Complaint: 1/10/2020  
Allegation: Policy and Standard Violations  
Chain of Command Finding: Multiple  
Final Discipline: Suspension

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An internal investigation was opened after a City IT usage log showed that the officer had visited websites that were in violation of department policy.

### COMPLAINT

The investigation involved five potential policy violations.  
Policy 342.5.4 (Computer Misuse/Violation, Internet Use)  
Standard 3.2 (Devotion of time and attention to responsible performance of duties)  
Standard 4.9 (Conduct that does not discredit the profession or the department)  
Policy 342.5.3 (Computer Misuse/Violation, Off Duty Use); and  
Policy 340.3.5z (False or misleading statements).

### INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs investigator reviewed the forensic material and consulted with technology experts. He interviewed the involved officer and his supervisor. He also interviewed another police employee who worked on a human trafficking assignment to compare his computer use with the accused employee's computer use. He reviewed the accused officer's weblogs and noted numerous adult content websites that went beyond the root URL and when he conducted a test of them, pornographic images were revealed.

An Administrative Review Panel was convened to review the investigation. The panel recommended that the allegations be Sustained and forwarded their report to the Chief of Police for a final disposition.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The following policy violations were found to be Sustained: Policy 342.5.4 (Computer Misuse/Violation, Internet Use); Standard 3.2 (Devotion of time and attention to responsible performance of duties); and Standard 4.9 (Conduct that does not discredit the profession or the department).

Two policy allegations were determined to be Not Sustained: Policy 342.5.3 (Computer Misuse/Violation, Off Duty Use) and Policy 340.3.5z (False or misleading statements).

The officer was issued a suspension of 120 hours.