



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C20-009 OPO Number: 20-05
Date of Complaint: 2/12/2020
Allegation: Demeanor
Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

A Spokane citizen contacted the Office of the Police Ombudsman wanting to file a complaint on an officer after he received a notice of infraction for not having liability insurance while driving a vehicle. The complainant stated that the officer said he was going to save him some money, but ultimately issued him the infraction for no liability insurance.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleges the officer didn't have probable cause to stop him for an obstructed windshield. The officer made the comment that he was going to save him some money, but ended up issuing a notice of infraction for no liability insurance. The complainant felt the officer was rude by making the promise, but issuing him a ticket.

INVESTIGATION

A thorough investigation was completed, to include an interview of the complainant. After watching the body worn camera video, there was probable cause to initiate a traffic stop, and ultimately write a notice of infraction for the lack of insurance. The officer did state he was not going to issue a ticket for the obstructed windshield, which did in fact save the complainant some money. The investigation did not show the officer violated any policies or state law during this stop.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

This complaint was closed as an Inquiry.