



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CHIEF OF POLICE

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C20-011 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 2/11/2020
Allegation: Policy Violation
Chain of Command Finding: Not Sustained
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Information was shared from an outside law enforcement entity that showed a current employee had contact with a known criminal person. The concern was that there was a federal investigation conducted on an individual that revealed several phone contacts from the SPD employee.

COMPLAINT

The concern was relayed to the Spokane Police Department by an outside law enforcement agency and led to the initiation of an internal investigation. The allegation was a violation of Policy 1050.2.e. Restricted Duties and Assignments. Except as required in the performance of official duties or, in the case of immediate relatives, employees shall not develop or maintain personal or financial relationships with any individual they know or reasonably should know is under criminal investigation, is a convicted felon, parolee, fugitive, or registered sex offender, or who engages in serious violations of state or federal laws.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed all available records and interviewed the employee, who maintained that the contact with the person was due to hiring him for tattoo work.

An Administrative Review Panel (ARP) was convened to review the investigation. The ARP determined that given the information available, there was insufficient evidence to substantiate that the employee was in a personal relationship or financial relationship with the known criminal person, aside from the physical presence and payment for tattoo service.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The final determination from the Chief of Police was Not Sustained.