



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C20-018 OPO Number: 20-06  
Date of Complaint: 2/25/2020  
Allegation: Demeanor  
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

A video of the SPD TAC (crowd control) team response to a Planned Parenthood protest from months earlier was posted on YouTube on February 15, 2020. In that video, an officer was heard making some unprofessional comments to other officers. After the video was posted, eight complainants contacted the Office of Police Ombudsman with concerns about the video.

### COMPLAINT

The complainants alleged that the officer made unprofessional remarks. The official allegation is SPD Policy 304.3.2K K: Discourteous or disrespectful treatment of any member of the public or any member of this department or another law enforcement agency.

### INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs learned that a few days after the posting of the video, a Police Major counseled the officer and supervisor reference the comments. The officer acknowledged that his comments were not appropriate and he regretted making them. He apologized for his actions and for their impact. He often uses humor with his jovial nature to keep tense situations light. The Major spoke to the supervisor about using this experience as a learning example to remain professional at all times. The supervisor spoke to the TAC team about the incident days later. The Chief also spoke to the involved officer about his demeanor. The chain of command had handled the behavior prior to the investigation.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

As a Major and Chief had already addressed the behavior, the case was closed with the classification of Administratively Suspended.