



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C20-036 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 5/18/2020
Allegation: Policy Violations
Chain of Command Finding: Multiple
Final Discipline: Suspension

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complaint originated from an SPD supervisor speaking with an inmate at jail. The inmate alleged that an officer had an inappropriate relationship with his girlfriend. He provided proof of messages sent to his girlfriend, which took place after the officer had met her while responding to a domestic violence call wherein, she was the victim.

COMPLAINT

The official allegations were violations of Policy 340.3.2L (Solicitation of a personal or sexual relationship while on-duty or through the use of official capacity) and Policy 1050.2.1 (Nepotism and conflicting relationships).

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed the documentation and interviewed the woman and the officer. The original complainant could not be located to interview, but the supervisor had initially interviewed him. The investigation revealed that there was an inappropriate, although not physical, relationship initiated through text messages.

An Administrative Review Panel was convened to review the investigation. The panel determined that it was clear that the officer's actions were in violation of Policy 340.3.2L (Solicitation of a personal or sexual relationship while on-duty or through the use of official capacity). The panel did not believe that the second allegation was appropriate for that case. The panel's recommendations were submitted to the Chief to review.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The allegations of violation of Policy 340.3.2L (Solicitation of a personal or sexual relationship while on-duty or through the use of official capacity) was Sustained. The second allegation of the policy violation (Nepotism and conflicting relationships) was Unfounded. The officer received a suspension of one week.