



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C20-049 OPO Number: 20-31
Date of Complaint: 6/12/2020
Allegation: Demeanor and Inadequate Response
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant stated in his complaint that he lives near Planned Parenthood. In December of 2019, he contacted officers who were on scene for a protest involving a church service. He felt the noise was too loud and wanted to file a complaint with the supervisor and the officers there. The complainant later saw a bodyworn camera video where officers allegedly called him "a plant," dismissed his complaint, and provided his information to members of the church group.

COMPLAINT

The allegations were of poor Demeanor and Inadequate Response.

INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs lieutenant reviewed officer bodyworn camera videos associated with the incident number provided by the complainant. However, the incident number listed in the complaint was from an August protest, and he was unable to locate the interaction the complainant referenced on the released BWC video. There was no footage associated with the time frame the complainant refers to in his complaint, so further information was needed to narrow down the time frame associated with this concern.

The investigator called the complainant. He left a message identifying himself and explaining the reason for the call, asking him to return the call. After not hearing back from the complainant, a week later he reached out again and left another message with his information, requesting a call back. Several weeks later, the investigator had not heard back from the complainant.

The IA lieutenant recommended that the complaint should be Administratively Suspended (Subsection A) because the complaining party refused to cooperate and the investigation could not continue without more information. The Office of Police Ombudsman concurred that this case should be suspended.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The complaint was Administratively Suspended (Subsection A) because the complaining party refuses to cooperate.