



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C20-050 OPO Number: 20-32
Date of Complaint: 6/16/2020
Allegation: Inadequate Response and Policy Violation
Chain of Command Finding: Closed
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

On 06/14/2020, a Spokane police officer stopped a male for a traffic violation in northeast Spokane. The driver was arrested for driving with a suspended driver's license. The officer searched the driver incident to the arrest and discovered cash, a weight scale, and a quantity of methamphetamine. A search warrant was executed on the vehicle and further evidence of a drug related crime was seized. The driver was booked into the Spokane County Jail.

COMPLAINT

The male arrested in this case alleged the arresting officer stole his cash, EBT card, cell phone, and keys.

INVESTIGATION

The officer allegedly violated the following Spokane Police Department policies:

POL 340.3.5 Performance (N) Work related dishonesty, including attempted or actual theft of department property, or the property of others.

POL 340.3.5 (Q) Inadequate Response: Failure to take reasonable action while on duty and when required by law, statute, resolution, or approved department practices or procedures.

The Internal Affairs investigation consisted of a thorough review of the police reports, body-worn camera video, and Spokane County Jail booking logs. All of the items listed by the complaining party were found to have been logged into the Spokane Police Department Property Facility as evidence and/or safekeeping.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The accused officer followed Spokane Police Department policy for handling evidence and personal property. The case was classified as CLOSED due to the allegations of misconduct being disproven upon initial review.