



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C20-061 OPO Number: 20-42  
Date of Complaint: 7/16/2020  
Allegation: Conduct Unbecoming  
Chain of Command Finding: Closed  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

As a Spokane Police officer, while off-duty and not in uniform, attempted to enter a local business the officer was asked by an employee of the business to wear a face mask to comply with the WA State Governor's COVID-19 guidelines. The officer allegedly responded by using profanity.

### COMPLAINT

An employee of the local business submitted a complaint through the Office of Police Ombudsman alleging the officer violated Spokane Police Policy 340.3.5(AC) Conduct Unbecoming.

### INVESTIGATION

The Spokane Police Internal Investigation consisted of interviews of two witnesses. The complainant and one other witness declined to be interviewed. There was no audio or video recording of the incident.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The two witnesses who provided statements said the officer did not use profanity during the incident. The accused officer was not interviewed due to the lack of evidence that the violation occurred. The complaint was classified as CLOSED due to the allegation of misconduct being disproven upon initial review.