



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C20-067 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 7/14/2020
Allegation: Criminal Law Violation, Unsafe Driving and Computer Misuse
Chain of Command Finding: Sustained
Final Discipline: Suspension

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Two Spokane Police Officers were driving back to the station at the end of their shift. One of the officers was egregiously speeding and struck another motorist. The officers stated they were using their SPD computers while driving.

COMPLAINT:

The complaint was initiated following an SPD review of the collision. The officer who was speeding was criminally charged related to his driving.

INVESTIGATION:

After the criminal allegations were investigated, charged, and adjudicated, the internal investigation commenced. The investigator reviewed body worn camera footage, officers' written reports, and other written records. The investigator interviewed the involved officers and the other driver in the collision.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation concluded that several policy violations occurred. The officer who was speeding and whose vehicle struck the other motorist was found to have violated policies regarding Unsafe Driving and Computer Misuse. This officer was suspended without pay, in addition to the criminal penalties imposed by the court. The second officer was found to have violated the Computer Misuse policy and received a letter of reprimand.

