



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C20-069 OPO Number: 20-44  
Date of Complaint: 7/27/2020  
Allegation: Policy Violation and Demeanor  
Chain of Command Finding: Multiple  
Final Discipline: Multiple

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

This complaint originated from a traffic accident. The complainant alleged poor demeanor from a responding officer and was unhappy with how the call was handled.

### COMPLAINT

The allegations were Demeanor for one officer and Policy Violation 344.1.1 (Report Preparation) for the other officer.

### INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs investigator reviewed incident reports, bodyworn camera, and the complainant interview completed by the Office of Police Ombudsman.

BWC video exonerated the first officer for the Demeanor allegation. However, the investigation revealed that the second officer's report did not include witness information and statements that were important to this case. It was not accurate or complete. The officer did accept full responsibility for his report, but never offered an explanation to how or why it occurred. The officer had a prior Sustained finding for Inadequate Response for not putting all pertinent information in a police report with a sanction of a DOC in 2018.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The first officer was Exonerated of the allegation of poor Demeanor. The violation of Policy 344.1.1 (Report Preparation) for the other officer was Sustained. The officer received a Letter of Reprimand as a sanction.