



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C20-081 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 11/4/2020
Allegation: Policy Violation
Chain of Command Finding: Sustained
Final Discipline: Written Reprimand

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

This internal complaint was opened when a detective was in a vehicle accident in his duty vehicle on his day off.

COMPLAINT

The investigation involved a violation of Policy 706 (Vehicle Use).

INVESTIGATION

The investigation showed that he was using his department vehicle on a day off to transport two family members to a non-work related appointment, a violation of Policy 706. Policy dictates that vehicles may be used for personal use when such use is incidental to official use, and civilian passengers must be authorized by the Chief or designee. The detective's use of the city vehicle was not "incidental to official use" (706.2.2/B). His passengers were not approved prior to the transport and he did not ask his supervisor (706.2.3).

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The policy violation was found to be Sustained, and the detective received a Letter of Reprimand as a sanction, as well as remedial training on the policy.