



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-006 OPO Number: 21-01

Date of Complaint: 2/8/2021

Allegation: Inadequate Response and Biased Policing

Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended

Final Discipline: Verbal Counseling

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Spokane Police Officers responded to a domestic dispute involving child custody issues. The officers investigated the incident and determined no probable cause existed for a crime and referred both involved parties back to civil court to resolve the custody issue. Afterward, one of the involved parties told the other party they had mentioned their relation to an SPD employee and received special treatment.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant alleged the responding SPD officers failed to adequately investigate the incident, and the officers were biased in their finding because one of the parties was related to an SPD employee.

INVESTIGATION:

The investigator reviewed police reports and body worn camera footage. The investigator interviewed the complainant.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation concluded there was no bias or favoritism shown to any party. The officer's written report lacked some detail regarding specific allegations but did not affect the outcome of the investigation. That matter was referred to the officer's supervisor for follow up.

