

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-019 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 6/6/2021

Allegation: Inadequate Response and Fail to Supervise

Chain of Command Finding: Sustained

Final Discipline: Document of Counseling

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

An SPD officer initiated a pursuit of a vehicle but ended the pursuit when the eluding driver engaged in extremely unsafe driving. The eluding vehicle then collided with an uninvolved motorist.

COMPLAINT:

During the pursuit review, Spokane PD Administrators discovered at least one policy violation and another possible policy violation that was not clearly stated in the SPD policy manual.

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs investigated this complaint. During the investigation several interviews were conducted, policy manuals, training records, procedures were analyzed, and body worn camera video was examined.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs determined the involved employee failed to promptly report the pursuit and related minor injury collision to a supervisor. Additionally, a clarification was addressed in the SPD Pursuit Policy to prevent this type of situation in the future.

