

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-027 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 3/30/2021

Allegation: Criminal

Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Officers investigated a stolen property case which led to a residential search warrant being approved and executed. The resident was arrested for possession of stolen property and various drug related charges.

COMPLAINT:

The arrestee filed a complaint and stated during the search of their residence, SPD Officers stole a substantial amount of cash, coins, gold, and other valuables. They also claimed the officers threatened the person with harm if he reported the theft.

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs investigated this complaint. Police reports and body worn camera videos were reviewed. Due to the complainant's pending criminal charges associated with the complaint, the complaint was administratively suspended.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

This complaint involved elements of a crime pending prosecution and the administrative investigation could have adversely impacted the criminal case, so it was administratively suspended. Spokane FBI was consulted as was Spokane County Sheriff's Detectives, both outside agencies declined to investigate as there was no evidence to support the criminal allegation.

