



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-029 OPO Number: 21-10

Date of Complaint: 5/18/2021

Allegation: Policy Violation

Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

An SPD investigator interviewed a community member by phone, recording the interview.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant alleged the SPD investigator did not tell him the interview was being recorded. The interview was later transcribed. The complainant further alleged the transcription was not accurate.

INVESTIGATION:

The investigator interviewed the complainant, then compared the recorded interview and transcription.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation concluded the investigator did not violate any law or policy while recording the phone interview, as conversations with police officers are not considered private. This matter was referred to the investigator's supervisor for informal follow up on best practices.

