



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-038 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 6/17/2021
Allegation: Dereliction of Duty and Standard Violation
Chain of Command Finding: Sustained
Final Discipline: Suspension

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

A community member went to a Spokane COPS “shop” to report a sexual assault that took place in a different location. A crime victim’s advocate spoke to a Spokane Police Officer on duty at the shop, asking him to interview the community member. The officer stated he was too busy and could not take the community member’s report. He instructed the community member to call in from a safe location for further contact from law enforcement.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant alleged the officer failed to take the sexual assault report.

INVESTIGATION:

The investigator interviewed the officer and crime victim’s advocate. The investigator reviewed the officer’s computer activity and work history records.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation concluded the officer should have investigated this report of sexual assault.

