



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-039 OPO Number: 21-21

Date of Complaint: 6/21/2021

Allegation: Unlawful/Improper Arrest, Demeanor and Failure to Identify

Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended

Final Discipline: N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

A Spokane Police Officer contacted two persons for the crime of pedestrian interference near the Viaduct at Browne and Sprague. During this contact one person was temporarily detained in handcuffs and placed in a patrol vehicle. Both persons were cited for violations of the municipal code. Neither person was booked into jail. During the detainment of the individual, a protest began to form with numerous individuals who were shouting obscenities at the officers. A back up officer arrived and the situation, while it continued to be loud and tense, was resolved without further incident.

COMPLAINT

One of the persons involved, along with a witness, alleges that the officer acted improperly. The allegations are that the officer did not have probable cause to make the arrest, that the officer's demeanor was improper and that he treated the citizens rudely, and did identify himself when requested.

INVESTIGATION

Internal affairs reviewed the complaint, officer reports, and body worn camera.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

This incident is pending a criminal trial that has not been completed. As such, the investigation has been Administratively Suspended until the outstanding criminal proceedings are resolved and the complainant requests the investigation proceed.

