

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-043 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 6/21/2021

Allegation: Demeanor

Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Spokane Police Officers responded to a residence to conduct a death investigation. The officers contacted family members of the deceased and contacted an animal welfare agency regarding an animal present in the home.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant alleged officers were rude to the family members and treated the situation like a murder investigation.

INVESTIGATION:

The investigator attempted to interview the complainant, who did not respond to interview requests. The investigator reviewed written reports and the officers' body worn camera footage.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation concluded officers conducted an appropriate death investigation in compliance with SPD Policy. The officers' interactions with the family members were respectful.

