



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-046 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 7/1/2021
Allegation: Inadequate Response and Unlawful Exercise of Authority
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

An SPD Officer was driving their patrol vehicle when a community member drove by the officer, traveling the opposite way. The community member spat on the officer's patrol car. The officer conducted a traffic stop on that vehicle. When the community member approached the officer's patrol car, the officer put his hand on the community member to move him away from the patrol car.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant alleged he didn't spit on the patrol car. He further alleged the officer assaulted him by putting his hand on him.

INVESTIGATION:

The allegation was initially referred to the Spokane County Sheriff's Office due to the criminal nature of the assault allegation. SCSO declined to prosecute the officer for assault. The SPD internal investigator reviewed body worn camera footage and officer's reports.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation was administratively suspended due to the complainant being charged with a crime.

