



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-047 OPO Number: 21-23

Date of Complaint: 7/4/2021

Allegation: Biased Policing and Inadequate Response

Chain of Command Finding: Closed

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

On July 1st, the complainant called into attempting to report his vehicle stolen. The complainant had lent his vehicle to a known associate several weeks earlier. The vehicle had not been returned to the owner who wished to report it stolen.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant was upset that the officer who responded to take the report told them it was a civil issue due to the fact the vehicle was lent to someone. Furthermore, the person who was in possession of the vehicle and the complainant, had been in contact about the return of the vehicle. The complainant feels that due to their sexual orientation they were discriminated against in this incident.

INVESTIGATION:

Internal Affairs' investigation included reading the complaint, watching the Officer's Body Worn Camera footage and reviewed the CAD report.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Internal Affairs conducted a preliminary review and classified the case as closed due to the following. They found that the Officer conducted himself in a professional manor and the decision they made was not only within the scope of his employment, it was appropriate. There was no evidence that would suggest the officer's decision was influenced one way or the other based on the sexual orientation of the complainant.

