



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-050 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 7/31/2021

Allegation: Demeanor and Inadequate Response

Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

An SPD Officer responded to take a potential domestic violence order for protection violation report. Upon contact with the complainant in the case, the Officer first tried to understand the complexity of the event and how the complainant felt this incident was a violation. During the approximately 15-minute interview, the officer gained all the information he needed for his report. During the incident, the complainant made a comment about wanting to do everything they could prior to possibly being gone. The Officer made a comment about not wanting them to be a martyr which upset the complainant.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant was upset about the martyr comment and felt that there was a lack of investigation and follow-up done on the call.

INVESTIGATION:

Internal Affairs reviewed the complaint, watched the BWC footage, interviewed both the complainant and the Officer and read the officer's report.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Internal Affairs conducted a full and comprehensive investigation into the allegations made in this case. They found that the Officers demeanor was never discourteous or disrespectful. The Officer could have used better judgement in their timing of the comment, but they repeatedly apologized for what the victim was going through during the interview. The Officer wrote a complete report on the incident, as well as contacting different departments within the SPD to include the DV unit. Internal Affairs has sent this incident back to the officer's immediate supervisor for informal follow-up.

