



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-055 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 8/25/2021

Allegation: Demeanor

Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended

Final Discipline: Verbal Counseling

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

On 8/4/21 Spokane Police Officers along with Community Outreach were working a Cops and Kids car show in the downtown area. During the event, there was a male taking pictures of children and Officers throughout most of the evening. Officers attempted to contact the person about the photos, however this person refused to talk to them. The Officers and the photographer had a during which the officer used a loud tone.

COMPLAINT

The complainant in the incident was approached at the end of the car show by one of the Officers. This Officer told the complainant that if he did not stop following him around and taking pictures of him, he was going to recommend stalking charges to the prosecutor's office. The complainant believed the officer's voice was louder than it needed to be.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed the complaint, they then called the complainant and interviewed them over the phone. IA also interviewed the accused officer in the incident and reviewed information that they provided. The officer indicated that he spoke in a loud voice due to the presence of a live DJ at the event.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Internal Affairs conducted a full and comprehensive investigation into the allegations made in this case. They determined that the case be Administratively Suspended and sent back to the Officer's supervisor for informal follow-up regarding the officer's admonishment of the citizen that the citizen needed parental consent for photographs to be taken.

