



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-057 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 8/19/2021
Allegation: Demeanor
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

SPD Officers responded to a reported assault. The complainant requested a female officer interview the victim. Two officers (one male, one female) interviewed the victim. Probable cause to arrest a suspect in this case was not established.

COMPLAINT:

The victim alleged she requested a female officer to take the report, however a male and female responded. They stated the officer's interview was "very triggering of flashbacks / PTSD." The victim felt rushed and pressured throughout the interview. The officers made statements during their interview that the victim took offense to and believed that the officers were not sympathetic to their status as a victim.

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs investigated this complaint. The submitted reports and body worn camera were reviewed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

This investigation was administratively suspended. A recommendation was that SPD Officers should emphasize the importance of details in all reports, especially in cases such as this. Also, the officer's supervisor could discuss the unintended consequence of offering future based advice to assault victims.

