



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-060 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 9/25/2021

Allegation: Standard and Policy Violation

Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended

Final Discipline: Verbal Counseling

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

On 9/25/21 an off-duty officer entered a drinking establishment in the downtown area. Upon entering the establishment, the officer was patted down for weapons. The officer was found to have a weapon on their person. The Officer advised the door men he was an officer and presented identification. The officer was allowed inside where they stayed for about one hour. The Officer was seen buying drinks for themselves and friends upon entry but not seen buying any more alcohol. The officer and friends left the location without incident.

COMPLAINT

An internal complaint was generated to determine if the handgun was department issued which may have constituted a violation of Policy 312.2.5; Officers shall not carry department issued handgun to a place where they anticipate consuming alcohol. SPD Standard 8.2; Using a badge of office as a license for special favor or consideration was also looked into to determine if the officer had used their badge for special favor or consideration.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed the initial summaries written that evening by two different supervisors. While contact was attempted with multiple witnesses, only one agreed to an interview. The surveillance cameras inside and out from the establishment that evening were reviewed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Internal Affairs conducted a preliminary review and classified the case as closed for the following. They found that the weapon the officer had upon entering the establishment was not department issued. The Officer did not appear to ask for any special favors upon entrance into the establishment nor did they act inappropriately while inside. Internal Affairs has sent the incident back to the supervisor for informal follow-up regarding decision making.

