



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-061 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 1/3/2023
Allegation: Theft and False Misleading Statements
Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

An arrestee alleged that the officers who arrested him stole cash from him when he was booked. A second allegation was the officers falsified their reports regarding the probable cause for his arrest for pedestrian interference.

COMPLAINT:

Theft of cash from an arrestee and false reporting related to the probable cause to arrest the complainant.

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs investigated this complaint. The investigation included police reports, body worn camera video, and an analysis of the probable cause to arrest (pedestrian violation) location.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

After this lengthy and involved investigation, to include numerous interviews, body worn camera video analysis, and an analysis of the probable cause to arrest location (the complainant claimed officers would not have been able to view the offense from where they were), the allegation of false reporting was unfounded. Regarding the theft of cash, it was determined the \$23 cash the arrestee was booked with was seized by CPS pursuant owed child support.

