



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-070 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 10/29/2021
Allegation: Unauthorized Release of Confidential Information
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

A Spokane City Councilperson was made aware of a body worn camera that was leaked to the media. The Councilperson's business was in possession of possible video evidence related to a violent crime. When officers asked about potential video evidence, the Councilperson requested a search warrant. The officer commented about the apparent reluctance of the Councilperson to help the police. The body worn camera video was released and/or shared to numerous media outlets which brought unwanted negative attention to the Councilperson.

COMPLAINT:

A Spokane Police employee granted unauthorized access and/or, intentionally released body worn camera video footage without proper authority or by going through the proper release procedures.

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Internal Affairs investigated the complaint. The investigation included police reports, body worn camera review, and BAC results.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The Internal Affairs investigation was completed, and it was determined there was no wrongdoing by any Spokane Police Department employees. The video was released upon a public records request and distributed by the requestor.

