

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-074 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 11/22/2021

Allegation: Unfair Patrol Technique

Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended

Final Discipline: Additional Training

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

An officer had a conversation with another officer about a patrol tactic. This tactic involved an officer not issuing a citation for every violation observed at the time, which would allow an officer to stop the vehicle in the future for the violations not cited at the time.

COMPLAINT:

After seeing the above conversation posted online as a video, the complainant called Internal Affairs reference the philosophy of not citing for all violations and leaving infractions open for other officers.

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Internal Affairs investigated this complaint by reviewing the video posted online, police reports, and body worn camera video.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation resulted in shift level training for the officers to ensure they follow the principles of integrity, fairness, and impartiality in connection with their duties.

