



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-075 OPO Number: 21-35
Date of Complaint: 11/21/2021
Allegation: Racially Biased Policing
Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded
Final Discipline: Closed

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Officers responded to a reported shooting near a Downtown Spokane Bar. The witnesses described the suspects and the suspect vehicle. Officers located and were able to follow the vehicle as they waited for more information. It was believed the vehicle was involved in the incident. Resources were deployed to the area and the vehicle was contacted. The subjects were detained, and as the investigation developed, it was determined that the vehicle and occupants were not involved. The vehicle occupants were released at the scene.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant alleged the Officers stopped the vehicle based upon the race of the vehicle occupants, used questionable tactics, and the complainant asserted a shooting did not actually occur that night.

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Internal Affairs investigated this complaint. The investigator reviewed body worn camera video, reports, and other documentation.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation determined the officers' actions were appropriate given the nature of the call for service, a shooting that just occurred. Officers did confirm a shooting occurred, and the vehicle and occupants stopped by the police resembled the descriptions provided by witnesses. As soon as it was determined the vehicle and occupants were not involved, they were released. The investigation determined no evidence of racially biased policing and proper tactics were used.

