



**SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**CHIEF OF POLICE**  
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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-082 OPO Number: 21-40  
Date of Complaint: 1/6/2022  
Allegation: False or Misleading Statement  
Chain of Command Finding: Exonerated  
Final Discipline: Closed

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

SPD officers conducted a controlled buy of illegal drugs using a confidential informant and probable cause to arrest a suspect was established. Several search warrants were written and served during the investigation.

### COMPLAINT:

During the evidence suppression hearing the judge granted a motion to suppress evidence and dismissed the charges following the hearing. A complainant called the Spokane Office of the Police Ombudsman to file a complaint and stated the officers falsely arrested the suspect and committed perjury in the search warrant affidavits.

### INVESTIGATION:

An SPD Internal Affairs Investigator interviewed the complainant, officers, and witnesses. The investigator reviewed body worn camera footage, police reports, search warrant affidavits, and evidence.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

An in-depth analysis of this matter concluded that the officers' actions were justified, lawful, and/or proper.

