



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C22-003 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 1/11/2022
Allegation: Computer Misuse, Standard Violation and City Policy Violation
Chain of Command Finding: Multiple
Final Discipline: Additional Training

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Members of an SPD investigative unit used a phone application to communicate with each other regarding their investigative activities. Following a significant court case, members of that unit discussed how long phone application records should be kept.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant alleged that members of that investigative unit met and were directed to delete records from their phones.

INVESTIGATION:

The investigator consulted technical experts related to the phone application and record retention. The investigator interviewed the employees in the investigative unit and their supervisors.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation concluded that SPD employees did not intentionally delete records in violation of city policy. The SPD employees were exonerated concerning this allegation. The investigation also concluded that training was required in the area of digital record retention and the use of 3rd party applications. The involved employees received additional training.

