

## SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG N. MEIDL

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C22-016 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 3/15/2022

Allegation: Making a False or Misleading Statement

Chain of Command Finding: Not Sustained

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:**

This incident stemmed from another complaint involving a use of force. An SPD employee had been interviewed and provided several statements.

#### COMPLAINT:

While reviewing records related to the complaint, an SPD supervisor viewed body worn camera footage that appeared to contradict the employee's prior statements. The supervisor initiated an investigation into this apparent false statement.

#### **INVESTIGATION:**

The investigator reviewed officers report, body worn camera footage, and previous investigation's files. The investigator also interviewed the involved employee and witnesses. The investigation was forwarded to an Administrative Review Panel.

#### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation concluded that while the employee's statement was not factually correct, there were significant mitigating factors, and the allegation could not be sustained.

