

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C22-024 OPO Number: 22-06

Date of Complaint: 4/25/2021

Allegation: Demeanor

Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

The complainant's adult daughter was interacting with an officer about moving her motorhome that was parked on the road in the West Central neighborhood. The complainant asked the officer if he was a "real police officer or just a resource officer?" The complainant claims the officer put his hand on his gun at that point. The complainant reported the officer was rude and when the complainant was trying to speak with the officer, the officer went back to his car and rolled up the window of this patrol vehicle.

This was the second complaint about this motorhome in the neighborhood and someone living inside. The motorhome was parked on a route that needed to be cleared for Bloomsday. The motorhome was not moved after the initial request by SPD.

COMPLAINT:

The officer was rude.

INVESTIGATION:

A sergeant contacted the complainant's adult daughter and spoke with her over the phone. BWC footage was reviewed but it hadn't captured any significant interaction.

A shift commander also spoke with the complainant by phone.

All relevant information was reviewed by Internal Affairs.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

After reviewing the incident and speaking with the complainant and witness, it was determined there was no policy violation by the officer. Both the witness and complainant denied the officer used inappropriate language; they did say he was stern.