



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C22-025 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 4/5/2022

Allegation: Demeanor

Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

The complainant's vehicle was stolen. An SPD officer responded and took a stolen report. The stolen vehicle was recovered a few hours later after the complainant received information via social media about his vehicle's location. The vehicle's license plates were not recovered with the vehicle and remained entered in law enforcement information systems as stolen. About 6 weeks later, an SPD officer stopped the complainant in his vehicle with the stolen license plates still attached. The officer conducted a high risk vehicle stop. The complainant and his passengers were detained for about 5 minutes. The officer verified the complainant owned the vehicle and the condition of the license plates.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant alleged that officers treated him rudely.

INVESTIGATION:

The investigator reviewed body worn camera footage and officer's reports from the related incidents.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation concluded the high-risk vehicle stop was consistent with officers' training and reasonable under the circumstances. The officers treated the complainant professionally.

