

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C22-043 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 6/30/2022

Allegation: Property Loss/Mishandling

Chain of Command Finding: Sustained

Final Discipline: Written Reprimand

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

An officer contacted the complainant for trespassing on private property. He was arrested and taken into custody. During a search of his person, incident to arrest, the officer removed a debit card from this person that didn't belong to him. The officer later threw the card into a nearby dumpster instead of placing it onto property as policy requires.

COMPLAINT:

The card was retrieved by someone from the dumpster and used. The card was not placed onto property for safekeeping purposes.

INVESTIGATION:

Internal Affairs conducted a thorough investigation into the allegation. All pertinent material was reviewed, which included BWC footage, interview of the officer, and other items of evidence.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

After a thorough Internal Affairs investigation was completed, the allegation was classified as sustained.

