



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C22-054 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 8/8/2022
Allegation: Demeanor and Biased Policing
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Spokane police officers were in an apartment building parking lot following the conclusion of a call for service. The complainant drove toward the officers, then yelled at the officers, asking what they were looking at. One of the officers shined a spotlight at the complainant. The officers referred to the complainant as "sir."

COMPLAINT:

The complainant alleged that officers were discourteous to him by shining a spotlight at him, and that they called him "sir" instead of his preferred pronouns.

INVESTIGATION:

The investigator reviewed officers' body worn camera footage and the written records of the incident. The investigator interviewed the complainant.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation concluded that the officer's use of the spotlight was appropriate given the circumstances. The officer's use of the word "sir" was intended to be polite.

