

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C22-066 OPO Number: 22-25

Date of Complaint: 10/17/2022

Allegation: Demeanor

Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended

Final Discipline: Verbal Counseling

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

The complainant was Downtown when there was a disturbance. The responding officer parked in a handicap space as he responded to the individuals involved in the call. The complainant pointed out where the officer parked, and the officer allegedly blew him off and told him to call CNN or the Spokesman Review.

COMPLAINT:

The officer was rude and would not provide the complainant with his name or badge number.

INVESTIGATION:

The Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs did a thorough investigation into the allegation. The I.A. investigator reviewed all pertinent material related to the incident, including body worn camera video from the responding officer. The investigator recognized the officer could have responded differently to the complainant.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The complaint was administratively suspended, and the minor demeanor issue recognized in the investigation was sent to the officer's supervisor for informal follow-up.

