

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C22-072 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 10/4/2022

Allegation: Demeanor, Inadequate Response, and False or Misleading Statements

Chain of Command Finding: Exonerated

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

A Spokane Police Officer witnessed and responded to a vehicle collision. The officer stopped, summoned medics for the injured drivers, and conducted a thorough collision investigation.

COMPLAINT:

One of the drivers involved in the collision filed a complaint at Spokane PD and made several allegations to include the officer made false or misleading statement on the collision report, did not contact witnesses, or look for evidence, did not summon medics, and the officer was "rude."

INVESTIGATION:

The officer's direct supervisor and Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs investigated this complaint. Police reports and body worn camera videos were reviewed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs determined the officer's actions were appropriate during this response and investigation. The body worn camera confirmed the officer spoke and interacted with several persons in a very professional manner. The collision investigation was thorough, with witnesses contacted and evidence considered. The "false statements" on the collision report were determined to be procedural mistakes on a form that were quickly remedied and had no bearing on the outcome of the investigation. Medics were in fact summoned.

