



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C23-016 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 2/24/2023
Allegation: Dereliction of Duty and Inadequate Response
Chain of Command Finding: Sustained
Final Discipline: Termination

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Officers responded to a welfare check of an unresponsive male on the porch of a neighboring house from the complainant. The complainant witnessed two males drag the unresponsive male into the house by his feet. There was no answer at the door, sign of a crime, or evidence of a person in need of help and officers left. About 1 hour later, the complainant contacted police again and provided video footage of his concern. The officer did not recontact the house in question to further look into the wellbeing of the unresponsive male. The unresponsive male was later determined to be the victim of a homicide at that address.

COMPLAINT:

The complaint was generated from within the Spokane Police Department. The allegation was the officer's dereliction of duty and inadequate response.

INVESTIGATION:

Internal Affairs reviewed all the material pertinent to this investigation. Numerous interviews were conducted, and evidence examined.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

After an Administrative Review Panel reviewed the investigation, the complaint was sustained. The officer's employment with the Spokane Police Department was terminated.

