



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C23-029 OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint: 4/11/2023
Allegation: Insubordination and Property Mishandling
Chain of Command Finding: Multiple
Final Discipline: Multiple

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

The complaint was generated internally by a supervisor overseeing a high-profile incident. The supervisor believed an officer intentionally disregarded a command and removed a piece of SPD equipment from an item of evidence related to the case. At the time the equipment was removed, the item of evidence was secured at the Spokane Police Property facility pending a search warrant.

COMPLAINT:

The complaint was insubordination and mishandling of property.

INVESTIGATION:

The Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs did a thorough investigation into all allegations. The I.A. investigator reviewed all pertinent material related to the incident, to include video from the property facility. The investigator interviewed numerous officers related to the case and allegations against the officer. The accused officer was also interviewed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation was completed by SPD Internal Affairs and sent to an Administrative Review Panel for further review prior to the Chief's review and findings. After a thorough review of all material pertinent to the investigation, the Chief determined the insubordination allegation was not sustained. The Chief did determine the allegation of property mishandling was sustained and the officer received a suspension as a result.

