



**SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C23-030 OPO Number: 23-21  
Date of Complaint: 4/24/2023  
Allegation: Biased Policing and Making a False Statement  
Chain of Command Finding: Not Sustained  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Spokane Police Officers were present at a high-profile demonstration. An officer assigned to the incident noted that a citizen known to them was present at the demonstration in a record of the event. The citizen stated they were not present there.

### COMPLAINT:

The citizen alleged that the SPD officer who noted their presence did so intentionally, and that this was due to personal bias toward the citizen.

### INVESTIGATION:

SPD conducted an investigation. This included interviewing the citizen, the officer, and a witness. This also included viewing BWC footage and reviewing reports from the incident.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

There is no indication the citizen was at the demonstration. The officer did enter the citizen's name as present at the demonstration in a dispatch record of the incident. The citizen stated they received no negative consequence from being noted as present at the demonstration. There is no evidence of any malice or bias on the officer's part. The allegations were not sustained.

