



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE
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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C23-031 OPO Number: 23-22
Date of Complaint: 4/27/2023
Allegation: Inadequate Response and Demeanor
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Spokane Police Department (SPD) Officers responded to an incident involving the custody and welfare of an infant who had been checked out from a daycare facility by a family member. The officers contacted the complainants and investigated the incident. The officers made contact with the family member who had custody of the infant and conducted a welfare check.

COMPLAINT:

The complainants alleged that SPD officers failed to follow applicable law by not removing the infant from the person who was temporarily caring for the child. The complainants also alleged that one officer's demeanor was not courteous and lacked empathy.

INVESTIGATION:

Internal Affairs personnel investigated this complaint by reviewing reports, body worn camera footage, and interviewing the involved parties.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation concluded that the officers did follow applicable law related to the child custody allegation. The demeanor issue was referred to the officer's supervisor for corrective follow up.

