



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C23-066 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 8/9/2023

Allegation: Making a False or Misleading Statement and Policy Violations

Chain of Command Finding: Multiple

Final Discipline: Written Reprimand

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

The complainant contacted SPD leadership with concerns about potential testimony from an SPD Officer. The complainant was from another state and reviewing potential expert testimony by an SPD Officer. The complainant believed there were discrepancies in the scope of the officer's analysis compared to what was put on their Outside Employment notification. The complainant was also concerned the officer was using the SPD badge in the expert testimony report and questioning if SPD leadership had authorized the use.

COMPLAINT:

The allegations of the complaint were Making a False or Misleading Statement, Standard 8.2 – Using badge of office as a license for special favor or consideration, Policy 1020.8.1 – All investigations of personnel complaints shall be considered confidential, and the content of files not revealed other than as required by law, and Policy 1040.5 – Material changes or termination of outside employment.

INVESTIGATION:

The Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs did a thorough investigation into the allegations. The I.A. investigator reviewed all pertinent material related to the allegations, too include the expert testimony report authored by the officer and other material presented by the complainant. Internal Affairs also interviewed the involved officer.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation was reviewed by an Administrative Review Panel prior to the Chief's review. The Chief determined three of the four allegations were not sustained. The Chief found Policy 1040.5 was violated and sustained. The officer received a letter of reprimand.

