



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C23-073 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 11/14/2023

Allegation: City Policy Violation and Standard Violation

Chain of Command Finding: Sustained

Final Discipline: Document of Counseling

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

The complaint was generated internally after becoming aware of a vehicle collision involving a parked vehicle that was reported to the Spokane Police Department. When the Spokane Police received the call, it was discovered the registered owner of the vehicle was a city employee and possibly involved. Due to the conflict of interests, SPD requested the Spokane County Sheriff's Office respond and investigate the collision. The driver walked away prior to police arriving but was later contacted at their residence just a few blocks away. The DUI investigation was not pursued by the Spokane County Sheriff's Office further due to statements of drinking after getting home from the collision.

COMPLAINT:

The allegations of the complaint were Standard 4.1 – Refrain from intoxicating beverages so as not to bring discredit upon the profession or their employing agency, and City Policy violation.

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 body worn cameras of the Spokane County Deputies who contacted the city employee. The involved employee was also interviewed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation went to a chain of command review, and it was determined the allegations against the non-commissioned employee were sustained. The employee received a documentation of counseling.

