

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE JUSTIN C. LUNDGREN

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C24-009 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 1/14/2024

Allegation: Demeanor and Improper Tactics

Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

A wrong way driver was seen driving in Downtown Spokane on a one-way street. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle. The vehicle continued driving for several more blocks and eventually stopped. Officers contacted the driver under suspicion of DUI and briefly handcuffed the driver. When the officer determined the driver was a new driver unfamiliar with Downtown, and displayed no sign of intoxication, the driver was released from handcuffs. As a courtesy, the officer contacted a parent by phone regarding the traffic stop.

COMPLAINT:

The teen driver's parent called SPD to complain that their child's detention in handcuffs was excessive and the officer was overly aggressive on the phone with his family.

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Internal Affairs investigated this matter by reviewing the police reports and body worn camera footage.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Spokane Police Internal Affairs investigated this complaint and determined the officer's actions were appropriate given the circumstances known at the time, and the officer's demeanor was appropriate.

