



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

JUSTIN C. LUNDGREN

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C24-027 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 4/3/2024

Allegation: Abuse of Authority and Neglect of Duty

Chain of Command Finding: Exonerated

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

A Spokane Police Officer conducted a vehicle stop for a traffic violation. The officer contacted the driver and cited the driver for two of the four violations present. The primary reason for the stop was speeding, and the other three violations present were administrative and equipment violations. The driver contacted Spokane Police to file a complaint that the officer was “not upholding constitutional law” and was “charging for laws [they] want to.” During a phone conversation with a supervisor, the supervisor attempted to explain officer discretion. The driver filed an additional complaint of the supervisor not accepting a complaint.

COMPLAINT:

Policy 340.3.5 (e) The wrongful or unlawful exercise of authority. Policy 1020.3 Supervisors Responsibility.

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs investigated this complaint. The complainant was interviewed. Reports and body worn camera videos were reviewed. Spokane City Legal was consulted regarding officer discretion.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs determined this allegation was closed as exonerated - When the investigation discloses that the alleged act occurred, but that the act was justified, lawful and/or proper. The officer used discretion and decided to only issue a citation for two violations, there is no law or policy violations associated with this action. Additionally, regarding the complaint of “not accepting a complaint,” the supervisor met the requirement of contacting and documenting the complainant’s concerns in an approved manner.

