



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

JUSTIN C. LUNDGREN

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C24-035 OPO Number: 24-17

Date of Complaint: 4/17/2024

Allegation: Bias Policing

Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

The complainant was driving in the Nevawood/Lidgerwood neighborhood, heading home. He had driven past a Dark Grey F150 and shortly after noticed he was being followed by the truck. He didn't realize the vehicle was an unmarked police vehicle until he stopped in the street and got out of his vehicle to confront the vehicle about why they were following him. It was at this point that a light bar was lit up and the officer said that they were looking for an Escalade like the one he was driving.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant believed the officer was profiling him. He believed this because the officer didn't even look at his license plate to check if it was the vehicle, they had been looking for prior to driving away.

INVESTIGATION:

The Spokane Police Internal Affairs did a comprehensive search of the vehicle described by the complainant with the fleet inventory. The investigator also spoke with the complainant to get specific information about the truck that could help determine if it was an SPD unmarked police vehicle. The investigator was also able to identify a very similarly described vehicle assigned to a federal agency.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs investigation determined the vehicle and officer described in the complaint was not an SPD employee. The complainant was provided contact information with the possible agency involved. The complaint was closed as unfounded (*When the investigation discloses that the alleged act(s) did not occur or did not involve department personnel*).

