

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE JUSTIN C. LUNDGREN

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C24-044 OPO Number: 24-23

Date of Complaint: 5/24/2024

Allegation: Demeanor

Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

The complainant contacted the Ombuds Office and filed a complaint about an SPD Officer's demeanor on a traffic stop. The complainant said the officer used the loudspeaker to tell him to stay in the vehicle. The officer then told the complainant he approached that way because he wasn't sure if the complainant had just robbed a bank and was going to shoot him as he approached. The complainant said the officer continued to be unnecessarily aggressive and kept showing his authority over him by stating, "I can give you a ticket." The officer did not ask for his ID and did not ticket the complainant.

COMPLAINT:

The allegation was the officer's demeanor.

INVESTIGATION:

The Spokane Police Internal Affairs did a comprehensive review of the available information regarding traffic stops near the area and what was provided by the complainant. Unfortunately, the complainant did not have any identifying descriptors of the vehicle or the officer that could help identify who the officer was. There were no traffic stops recorded in that area during the time provided by the complainant.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Internal Affairs determined the investigation was administratively suspended because all reasonable investigative leads had been exhausted.

