

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE JUSTIN C. LUNDGREN

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C24-048 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 6/12/2024

Allegation: Bias Policing and Demeanor

Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

A Spokane Police officer initiated a high risk stop on a vehicle that was the same color, make, and model as one that was recently stolen. There was no license plate visible on the back of the vehicle. Officers contacted two occupants of the vehicle and detained them in handcuffs. Officers then checked the vehicle's registration and found the vehicle was not stolen and registered to one of the occupants. The officers released the two detained parties.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant alleged that officers engaged in racially biased policing due to the occupants' race. The complainant also alleged that one officer was rude.

INVESTIGATION:

The investigator interviewed the complainants. The investigator reviewed written records and the officers' body worn camera footage.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The investigation concluded that no objective facts or circumstances existed to substantiate the racial bias allegation. There was also no objective basis for the inappropriate demeanor allegation.

