



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

KEVIN HALL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C24-054 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 5/20/2024

Allegation: Abuse of Authority, Harassment and Criminal

Chain of Command Finding: Closed

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

In April of 2024, a Spokane County Sheriff’s Office detective interviewed a person regarding potential human trafficking. During the interview, the person made allegations against a Spokane Police Officer that were sexual and potentially criminal in nature. The person said the officer was always the one who arrested them, and the alleged behavior occurred while the officer was on duty. The allegations were not specific, no corroborated details were presented, and the person had not followed up with the detective despite repeated attempts to contact them.

COMPLAINT:

Due to the nature of the allegation, this concern was brought to the attention of Spokane Police Internal Affairs by the detective’s unit supervisor, and an internal investigation was opened.

The detective documented that during the interview, the person made “vague comments” that were perceived to be potential police misconduct. No specific acts were mentioned, the misconduct was inferred by the detective “due to the atmosphere, body language, voice inflection, mysterious wording and totality of the circumstances.”

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs investigated this complaint. Archived police reports and incident histories were examined, and it was determined the accused officer arrested the person who made the allegations in March of 2024. The entire interaction, from start to finish, was recorded on the officer’s body worn camera. The video showed the officer transported the person directly to the Spokane County Jail by taking the most direct route. There were no stops and there was no conversation between the officer and the person.



The officer's body worn camera was active and recording until their arrival inside the jail booking area. Additionally, because the person who made the allegations did not have a consistent or reliable residence, location, or contact phone number, so efforts at locating and/or obtaining a statement or additional information from them was unsuccessful.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Based upon the results of this investigation and the unavailability of the person, this investigation is considered Closed (C) – *The complaining party becomes unavailable and further contact is necessary to proceed.* However, it should be noted that there was no documentation found that the person and accused officer had any on-duty interaction other than the one arrest in March of 2024 mentioned above.

