



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CHIEF OF POLICE

### KEVIN HALL

#### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C24-070 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 7/19/2024

Allegations: Improper Supervision, Policy Violation and Improper Driving

Chain of Command Findings: Multiple

Final Discipline: Multiple

#### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

On 07/19/2024 about 1255 hours, several members of the Spokane Police SWAT team were driving en route to the Public Safety Building after a search warrant operation. A SWAT officer riding in the SWAT Bearcat vehicle saw a black Audi stopped at an intersection and the officer recognized the vehicle as being involved a drive-by-shooting two days prior. The driver of the Bearcat attempted to conduct a traffic stop or vehicle block of the Audi, and it rapidly departed the area. A pursuit was initiated, and the pursuit culminated in a collision involving the suspects' vehicle, a Spokane Police K9 SUV, and the SWAT Bearcat. SWAT officers and the occupants of the fleeing vehicle were injured because of the collision.

#### COMPLAINT:

After Internal Affairs received the Collision and Pursuit Review reports, there were numerous concerns brought to the attention of the Office of the Chief. Internal Affairs met with Chief Hall and discussed the concerns related to the event, and the supervisor reviews submitted to Internal Affairs. It was determined Internal Affairs would open an internal investigation to address those concerns. The concerns surrounded the initiation and continuance of a pursuit, the SWAT armored vehicle being used during a pursuit, and the supervisory responsibilities during and after the pursuit.

#### INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Internal Affairs investigated this internal complaint which included reviews of police reports, CAD reports, BWC video, video evidence, audio recordings and interviews of the involved officers.

#### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

After a comprehensive review of the incident, Spokane Police Internal Affairs determined there were multiple allegations specific to the roles of certain employees throughout the incident. To summarize, the initiation of the pursuit was within policy, but the continuance of the pursuit was not. Some procedures were not followed during the pursuit, and the collision was determined to be preventable.



Supervisor A:  
314.4 Supervisory Control and Responsibility- SUSTAINED  
344.1.1 Report Preparation-NOT SUSTAINED  
Sanction: Letter of Reprimand

Supervisor B:  
314.4 Supervisory Control and Responsibility-EXONERATED  
340.3.9(A) Supervision Responsibility-NOT SUSTAINED  
344.1.1 Report Preparation-SUSTAINED  
Sanction: Letter of Reprimand

Supervisor C:  
340.3.9(A) Supervision Responsibility- NOT SUSTAINED  
344.1.1 Report Preparation- NOT SUSTAINED  
Sanction: N/A

SWAT Officer A:  
314.1 Pursuit- IN POLICY  
314.3.1 Authorized Pursuit Vehicles- SUSTAINED  
314.7.4 C Dynamic Blocking- NOT SUSTAINED  
340.3.6 C Safety- SUSTAINED  
502 Traffic Collision-PREVENTABLE  
Sanction: Two Day Suspension

SWAT Officer B:  
314.1 Pursuit- OUT OF POLICY (continuation not initiation)  
344.1.1 Report Preparation-NOT SUSTAINED  
340.3.6 C Safety- SUSTAINED  
502 Traffic Collision- PREVENTABLE  
Sanction: Two Day Suspension

SWAT Officer C:  
314.1 Pursuit- OUT OF POLICY (continuation not initiation)  
  
344.1.1 Report Preparation-NOT SUSTAINED  
Sanction: One Day Suspension

