



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

KEVIN HALL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C24-085 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 11/4/2024

Allegation: Making a False or Misleading Statement

Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

A Spokane Police Detective was granted access to a residential back yard by the property owners. The detective was there to mediate between the residents and a neighboring community-based resource center over quality-of-life concerns. The detective was in the back yard for a few minutes and left. The detective made recommendations to the community-based resource center and the residents of the property.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant contacted Spokane Police Internal Affairs to report a Spokane Police Detective entered their backyard under false pretenses and claimed they were investigating a nearby community-based resource center. The complainant learned the detective is a board member for the community-based center, and believed the detective entered their back yard under the authority of a police officer when they were actually there for personal reasons as a board member of the neighboring resource center.

INVESTIGATION:

Spokane Police Internal Affairs investigated the complaint which included an interview with the complainant, the detective, witnesses, and the detective's supervisor.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The allegation of false statements was considered unfounded. It was determined that the detective's actions, by entering the backyard and providing recommendations related to the mitigation of a neighborhood concern, were done so while acting a police detective assisting with a neighborhood concern.

