



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

KEVIN HALL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C25-021 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 02/20/2025

Allegations: Inadequate Response

Chain of Command Findings: Unfounded

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Two Spokane Police Officers responded to a two vehicle, minor injury collision. The officers arrived and conducted a collision investigation, which included standardized field sobriety tests for one of the involved drivers as there was reasonable suspicion of intoxicated driving. The at fault driver was cited for a vehicle code violation, and both drivers were provided with a copy of exchange of information forms.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant called to report that they had concerns with the officer's response to the collision. The complainant is the owner of one of the vehicles involved, and the driver was an employee. They believed the officer made the wrong decision with their collision finding and that the wrong traffic code was used in a citation. Additionally, the complainant expressed their concern the officer focused attention on their employee and suspected them of DUI.

INVESTIGATION:

This investigation was assigned to SPD Internal Affairs. Police CAD records, a collision report, citation, and BWC video was reviewed. Spokane Municipal Court records were reviewed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The allegation of inadequate response was determined to be Closed – Unfounded *When the investigation discloses that the alleged act(s) did not occur or did not involve department personnel.*

Body worn camera video confirmed that when the officers arrived, they conducted a thorough and complete collision investigation. Video also confirmed the reasonable suspicion cited by the officer, that one of the driver's was possibly DUI, existed. During this investigation it was determined the officer applied an incorrect traffic code to the driver of the company-owned vehicle. The citation was dismissed in court on 02/04/2025.

