



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CHIEF OF POLICE

### KEVIN HALL

#### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C25-027 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 3/17/2025

Allegation: Policy Violation

Chain of Command Finding: Closed

Final Discipline: Verbal Counseling

#### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

The complainant reported her son as a missing person from school. An SPD Officer who is the boys father responded to the scene. The complainant did not want involvement from this SPD Officer.

#### COMPLAINT:

The complainant filed a complaint stating that her concerns about involving this SPD Officer would be bad for her son's wellbeing were disregarded. The complainant alleged previous bad acts by the SPD Officer, that if true should have been disclosed in the hiring process.

#### INVESTIGATION:

A review of body worn camera footage and police reports was conducted. An interview and follow up communication with the complainant occurred. It was learned that this SPD Officer let a supervisor know that he was responding to the call. Due the prolonged timeframe between the alleged bad acts and current date, only one could be followed up on. A site visit of the location of the act and an interview with the property owner occurred.

#### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

The complainant did not want this SPD Officer involved in search of their shared missing child. Finding missing juveniles often relies on a quick response and search. Officers are the primary people used for this kind of work. Officers are a finite resource within the city of Spokane. It is likely that a father would recognize his child from a distance better than a comparable Officer with no relationship to the child. There were no legal preclusions from this SPD Officer having contact with the missing child. The SPD Officer contacted the complainant and let her know that he was helping search. The SPD Officer let his supervisor know that he was helping with the search. SPD policy does not adequately address this unique situation. This allegation was unfounded, however informal follow up with the SPD Officer was conducted to help the Officer in identifying potential conflicts of interest.



The previous bad acts as listed by the complainant were 8-10 years old at the newest. No police reports were filed. No records of any of these acts exist. Follow up for one alleged act was accomplished due its locality. No evidence to support this allegation was uncovered.

