



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

KEVIN HALL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C25-030 (1 of 2) OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 02/28/2025

Allegation: Unlawful/Improper Detention, Demeanor and Policy Violation

Chain of Command Finding: Multiple

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

SPD Officers stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The officer recognized the driver from prior police contacts and confirmed the person's license was not valid. The officers contacted the driver and issued a citation for a license status violation.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant alleged the officer who stopped them did not have a reason for the stop, displayed discourteous behavior during the stop, and intentionally violated a Spokane Police Department policy regarding confidentiality.

INVESTIGATION:

Internal Affairs collected all the material pertinent to this investigation and investigated the allegations. SPD dispatch records and body worn camera video were reviewed. The accused officer was interviewed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

While the probable cause to conduct the traffic stop was valid, the officer shared confidential information about the complainant in a public setting where another person was present.

The allegation of Standard 2.3: **Unlawful Search/ Arrest (detention)** was classified as **Closed, Unfounded** - *When the investigation discloses that the alleged act(s) did not occur or did not involve department personnel.*

The allegation of **SPD Policy 340.3.2(k), Demeanor**, was classified as **Closed, Unfounded** - *When the investigation discloses that the alleged act(s) did not occur or did not involve department personnel.*



The allegation of **Spokane Police Policy 608, Confidentiality**, was classified as **Sustained** - *When the investigation discloses sufficient evidence to establish that the act occurred and that it constituted misconduct.*

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number:	C25-030 (2 of 2)	OPO Number: N/A
Date of Complaint:	02/28/2025	
Allegation:	Unlawful/Improper Detention and Harassment	
Chain of Command Finding:	Unfounded	
Final Discipline:	Not Applicable	

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

An SPD Officer in Downtown Spokane observed a vehicle parked facing the wrong way on a one-way street. When the officer saw the driver, the officer recognized them as a person of interest in a criminal matter and there was possibly probable cause to arrest the person. The officer contacted the off-duty officer who sent out the bulletin. As soon as the officer learned there was no probable cause to arrest the complainant, the officer released the complainant.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant was stopped by officers in downtown Spokane because officers believed there was probable cause to arrest them from a prior incident. The complainant believed the stop was invalid and that they were being harassed. Additionally, they were concerned by the number of officers who responded to the call.

INVESTIGATION:

Internal Affairs collected all the material pertinent to this investigation and investigated the allegations. SPD dispatch records and body worn camera videos were reviewed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

This investigation confirmed that the officer contacted and detained the complainant in response to a bulletin sent out by another officer regarding possible probable cause to arrest. Because the investigating officer was off duty at the time, it took some time to contact them. As soon as it was determined there was no probable cause, the complainant was released. Throughout the interaction, officers explained the delay and an on-scene supervisor answered questions the complainant had.

The allegation of the allegation of Standard 2.3: **Unlawful Search/Arrest (detention)** was classified as **Closed, Exonerated** - *When the investigation discloses that the alleged act occurred, but that the act was justified, lawful and/or proper.*

The allegation of Standard 2.4: **Biased policing** (harassment) be classified as **Closed, Unfounded** - *When the investigation discloses that the alleged act(s) did not occur or did not involve department personnel.*

