



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

KEVIN HALL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C25-052 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 5/13/2025

Allegation: Demeanor and Biased Policing

Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

A Spokane police officer conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle for not having license plates or a valid temporary registration displayed. The officer contacted the two occupants and during the stop, evidence of illegal drug use and an open container of alcohol could be seen in the vehicle. The driver was arrested and cite released for possession of a controlled substance and the passenger was arrested and cite released for the open container of alcohol in the vehicle.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant was the passenger in the vehicle stopped by the police. They alleged that an officer contacted them in violation of their rights. The complainant also alleged the officers made racist comments to them and amongst each other. The complainant said they found the officers' demeanor to be intimidating.

INVESTIGATION:

This complaint was investigated by Internal Affairs. Police reports, citations, CAD notes, and body worn camera videos were reviewed. The two accused officers were interviewed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

This internal affairs investigation was completed and then forwarded to the officers' chain of command. It was determined that the officer's actions were appropriate given the facts available to them at the time of the incident. There was no evidence of harassment or biased based policing on the part of the officers, there was probable cause to stop the vehicle, and the officer's consent search did happen but was legal.

