



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

KEVIN HALL

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C25-067 OPO Number: 25-30

Date of Complaint: 6/16/2025

Allegation: Abuse of Authority

Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Two Spokane Police Officers pulled over the complainant for a traffic violation. The officer did not cite the driver but did start questioning the complainant about their tattoos and whether they were affiliated with a gang. During the interaction the officer asked the complainant to move their shirt while photos were being taken. The officer advised the complainant he would not contact their probation officer about the police contact. The officer contacted the probation office gang unit later that same day.

COMPLAINT:

The complainant contacted the Spokane Office of the Police Ombuds and reported the officer took photos that had nothing to do with the traffic stop, and then used the photos and information gained to contact their probation officer despite the officer saying they would not contact probation. The complainant said they were transferred to the gang caseload which has caused them unwarranted inconvenience.

INVESTIGATION:

SPD Internal Affairs investigated this complaint. A police field interview report, body worn camera video, and CAD details were reviewed. The involved probation officers were contacted as witnesses. The involved officer was interviewed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

As a result of this investigation, it was determined the allegation would be considered *Closed – Unfounded* - *When the investigation discloses that the alleged act(s) did not occur or did not involve department personnel*. During the interaction, the person agreed to have their photo taken (consent) and the person voluntarily removed their shirt while the photos were being taken. The officer contacted the Department of Corrections Gang Unit to advise them of the contact, and the Gang Unit decided, without input from the officer, to transfer the person's case from a satellite office to the gang office in Spokane. The officer did not contact the person's assigned probation officer.

