



August 10, 2020

Director Andrew Myerberg
Office of Police Accountability
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Dear Director Myerberg,

Please see the below Management Action response:

Case Numbers: 2019OPA-0168/2019COMP-0032

Topic: Ruses (Use of Deception for specific and lawful purposes)

Summary of the Management Action: Employee used a ruse that was inconsistent with Department Policy.

Original Recommendation:

Add ruses to an existing in-service training module, including when they are appropriate and when they shock fundamental fairness.

Action Taken:

The use of ruses is a long-held tactic that police across the country use. It is part of the Basic Law Enforcement curriculum that is taught in the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Academy. In addition, as part of the Sergeants School curriculum, the use of ruses was covered under Legal Updates. It reiterated SPD Policy 5.001-POL-11 that provides guidance and provided examples of when use of deception for a specific and lawful purpose is acceptable and when it is not.

Following the training Sergeants held roll call training to ensure that their officers understood the currently policies and legal findings regarding this issue.

SPD Considers this Management Action:

Fully Implemented

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. CORDER".

Assistant Chief Lesley Corder
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