



Spokane County  
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**No Charges to be Filed in Witness Tampering Investigation**

The investigation into the complaint filed by Spokane Police Detective Jay Mehring against former Spokane Police Chief Anne Kirkpatrick and Assistant City Attorney Rocco Treppiedi has been completed.

The Spokane County Sheriff's Office originally received the formal complaint from Mehring in October of 2011, where he alleged then Spokane Police Chief Kirkpatrick and city attorneys engage in witness tampering. Sheriff Knezovich asked the Washington State Patrol to investigate Mehring's complaint to avoid any conflict of interest issues since the Sheriff's Office investigated Mehring's criminal case which concluded in October of 2008.

Washington State Patrol investigators conducted an extensive, four-month-long investigation of the complaint and forwarded the completed report to the Spokane County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for review. The case was reviewed by Chief Criminal Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jack Driscoll and he declined to file any charges in the case.

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