



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C16-002 OPO Number: 16-1  
Date of Complaint: 01/08/2016  
Allegation: Inadequate Response  
Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant is a landlord who resides on the property which he also rents out to tenants. His apartment was broken into and was witnessed by a neighboring tenant. He promptly reported the break in to the police. Officers interviewed the witness and suspect, but concluded that the only option was to evict his tenants. The complainant believes the officers did not perform their duties in arresting the suspect.

### INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs interviewed the complainant by phone, recorded the conversation and notified him of the recording. The investigator advised the complainant that the officer wrote a report and questioned his tenant. The investigator asked the complainant if there was any evidence that the officer needed to collect. He said that he was sure there wasn't any evidence.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The officer completed a burglary report and questioned the person the complainant believed to be involved. It seems likely that the officer told him that we could not do evictions. The complainant was elderly and was satisfied when the report and steps taken by the officer were explained.