



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C16-017 OPO Number: 16-9  
Date of Complaint: 02/23/16  
Allegation: Inadequate Response  
Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant believes an officer illegally excluded her from a business because she filed a police report against an employee. The officer also refused to show the complainant the videotape relating to the incident. The officer told the complainant to leave, not return, and took no action.

In another incident the complainant alleges that the officer also refused to take a complaint against another individual in a similar, but unrelated situation. The complainant was excluded from this business as well and was threatened with arrest.

The complainant asserts she did not commit a crime in either situation and should be allowed to return to both places.

### INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs communicated with the complainant by email. The officer documented his involvement in the incident and no interview was necessary.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

It would not be proper for an officer to request that a private business show their video footage to a private citizen. Officers should not involve themselves in non-criminal matters without serving a greater public duty or need. Private businesses can trespass a person from their own private business without the need of an official court document or hearing.