



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C16-039 OPO Number: 16-14  
Date of Complaint: 5/11/2016  
Allegation: Inadequate Response / Demeanor  
Chain of Command Finding: Sustained  
Final Discipline: Written Reprimand

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainants bought a house and when they took possession, much of the house's appurtenant finishings were stripped from the home. The case was assigned to a detective for investigation.

### COMPLAINT

It was alleged that the detective telephoned the complainants and called them "stupid and incompetent". It is also alleged that the detective suspended the investigation into the fraud without contacting available witnesses and did not conduct a full and thorough investigation.

### INVESTIGATION

The investigation determined that the detective did inadequately investigate the incident. The internal affairs investigator stated in his report that due to what he viewed in the detective's reports, in order to determine if the detective's investigation was complete, he had to re-investigate the incident himself. The internal affairs investigator contacted all of the witnesses and complainants in the case, and discovered some of them were never contacted by the detective.

### CONCLUSION

The complaint of inadequate response was sustained and the detective received a letter of reprimand. The allegation of improper demeanor was not sustained as it could not be proven one way or the other whether the detective's demeanor improper.