



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-079 OPO Number: 18-38
Date of Complaint: 9/13/2018
Allegation: Inadequate Response / Demeanor
Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant reported a suspicious person who had threatened him in an alley behind his home. Officers responded and contact the complainant, got information from him, and then located the suspect.

COMPLAINT

The complainant reported that the responding officer arrived and immediately started questioning him about the incident instead of looking for the suspect, letting him get away. He reported this questioning seemed like an interrogation and made him feel like the criminal.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed the body camera videos and determined that under the circumstances, it was prudent for the officer to question the complainant as to specifics to develop reasonable suspicion before seizing a potential suspect. It was also determined that the officers were respectful in their interaction with the complainant.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

This complaint was classified as an inquiry as neither allegation amounted to a policy violation.