



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C18-083 OPO Number: 18-53

Date of Complaint: 9/26/2018

Allegation: Inadequate Response and Demeanor

Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant had called police several times about a neighborhood dispute. He felt that police did not address any of his concerns. The complainant alleged that officers were rude and disrespectful about his concerns.

### COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged poor demeanor and inadequate response. He felt that officers were treating him like a criminal and his rights were being violated due to the harassment from his neighbors. In one case, the officer pointed his pepper spray container at him.

### INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs investigator reviewed written documentation and body worn camera (BWC) video for each of the incidents and spoke to the complainant.

BWC video showed officers responded to the circumstances appropriately in each call. In the first instance, the complainant felt that the neighbor's sprinkler was interfering with his service dog, but the circumstances did not fit the legal definition of Interference with a Service Animal and officers were not able to charge his neighbor with any crime. In the second instance, the complainant said the officer was disrespectful while serving him with an anti-harassment order, and told him to pick up paper he had dropped. BWC video showed that the officer was professional, and had offered to pick up the paper that the complainant had dropped. On the third call, the complainant had alleged that officers showed no interest in serving his neighbor with a restraining order, but one of the officers said, "We'll go over there and serve the order on her, okay? And see if we can't help you out" prior to serving the order.

In every case, officer demeanor was professional. Officers did not point their pepper spray at the complainant. The IA lieutenant noted in his investigation that there was no need to interview the officers as the BWC footage answered all the questions he would have. The Police Ombudsman concurred and certified the investigation.

The chain of command determined that in all three incidents, officer conduct was proper.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The allegations of Inadequate Response and Demeanor were determined to be Unfounded for all involved officers.