



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-001 OPO Number: 19-02  
Date of Complaint: 1/2/2019  
Allegation: Demeanor  
Chain of Command Finding: Closed  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant was watching the child of a family friend for an extended period. When the mother of the child wanted the child back, the complainant declined, citing the interests of the child. Officers responded to assist the mother in getting the child back, and conduct a welfare check on the child.

### COMPLAINT

The complainant alleges that the officer who responded was very rude to her. She stated the officer threatened to arrest her several times and called her petty.

### INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed the body worn camera (BWC) videos of the interaction. It was determined via BWC that the officer acted appropriately in his interaction with the complainant. He never threatened to arrest her, but rather explained that she could be arrested if she failed to relinquish the child, but that he did not expect that to happen in this case. The officer did tell the complainant she was being petty, but only in response to her refusal to give the child her Christmas gifts and clothing, citing that she "paid" for them.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

This review of the interaction between the officer and the complainant determined that the officer acted appropriately, and the complaint was subsequently closed.