



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-004 OPO Number: 19-04  
Date of Complaint: 1/23/2019  
Allegation: Demeanor and Inadequate Response  
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended  
Final Discipline: Verbal Counseling

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant and another citizen were in an argument over a parking space. Both had attempted to pull into the space at the same time and neither would yield the space to the other. Police were called to mediate between the two parties.

### COMPLAINT

The responding officer was reportedly rude to the complainant, commenting to the complainant, "How old are we?" The officer then suggested the complainant, a male, show chivalry and yield the space to the other party, a female. The complainant thought this suggestion was inappropriate.

### INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed the complaint and the associated body-worn camera video. The officer is heard making the alleged comments in a tone which were not in line with SPD values.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Per Policy 1020, this minor complaint was referred to the officer's supervisor for shift level counseling.