



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-019 OPO Number: 19-16  
Date of Complaint: 3/6/2019  
Allegation: Inadequate Response  
Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant was taken into protective custody after actions and statements that indicating an intent to self-harm.

### COMPLAINT

The complainant alleges the officer offered to have a mental health professional (MHP) respond to the scene, but instead, officers broke her vehicle window to take her into custody. The complainant alleged inadequate response for not having a MHP respond to the scene and for unnecessarily breaking her window of her vehicle.

### INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed the incident, including body worn camera (BWC) video. The information in the call and BWC clearly show the complainant as a person intent on self-harm. The BWC also shows the officers negotiating with the complainant for over a half-hour to voluntarily exit the vehicle. No MHP was working at the time of the incident as it was a holiday. The breaking of the window was necessary as the complainant would not voluntarily exit the vehicle after over a half-hour of negotiation.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

This complaint was closed as an inquiry as there was no allegation of a policy violation, but rather question over proper police procedure.