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.