



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-032 OPO Number: 19-11  
Date of Complaint: 4/25/2019  
Allegation: Inadequate Response/Demeanor  
Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to an assault call at a night club downtown. The complainant had gotten into an altercation with another person in the club.

### COMPLAINT

The complainant alleges she was assaulted and the officers did not arrest the person who assaulted her. She also alleges the officers should have checked the surveillance video, but did not. The complainant also alleged improper demeanor by the officer as the officer referred to her as a "he" although she is trans-gendered to a woman.

### INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed the body worn camera video of the incident, and determined the officers responded appropriately. Witnesses stated that the complainant was the instigator of the altercation and had actually assaulted the other person involved. The manager of the bar can be heard on video stating that the surveillance video was not available at the time and it likely would not have shown the incident anyway. The BWC also determined that at no time did the officer refer to the complainant as a "he".

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

This complaint was closed as an inquiry as the allegations did not rise to the level of policy violations. The officers did not have probable cause to arrest the other person involved in the altercation. They did have probable cause to arrest the complainant for assault, but the other person declined to press charges.