



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-033 OPO Number: 19-38

Date of Complaint: 4/25/2019

Allegation: Inadequate Response

Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a local homeless shelter on a report of a person refusing to leave. They contacted the complainant who had worn out her welcome at the shelter. The complainant refused for several minutes to leave at the request of the officers. The complainant did eventually leave.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleges the responding officers did not provide her with housing options, and because of that, she ended up sleeping on the street that night.

INVESTIGATION

Internal Affairs reviewed the body worn camera video of the incident, and determined the officers responded appropriately. They provided her with several housing options, all of which she refused for various reasons.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

This complaint was closed as an inquiry as the allegations did not rise to the level of policy violations. The officers were not obligated to provide housing services to the complainant, but attempted to do so anyway.