



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-049 OPO Number: N/A  
Date of Complaint: 5/18/2016  
Allegation: Demeanor and Inadequate Response  
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a custodial dispute involving a minor child. Upon their arrival they determined the complaining party (of the original call) had the legal authority to have custody of the minor child. During their investigation the original complainant told Officer's the minor in question had gotten into trouble for inappropriate behavior (sexual non-criminal). When the officers interviewed the other half, a similar allegation was made, however the fact pattern was different.

### COMPLAINT

The complainant in the Internal Affairs case alleged the responding Officer's demeanor was inappropriate as well as their investigation was inadequate.

### INVESTIGATION

A review of the Officer's BWC (Body Worn Cameras) showed the Officer's demeanor was professional during their contact with all parties. Additionally, the BWC footage documented the differences in the statements made regarding the inappropriate non-criminal sexual behavior. Based upon that information it was determined the Officer's investigation wasn't inadequate. During the review of this case it was noted the primary Officer didn't complete a written report, rather they entered comments in CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch).

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

As stated above a review of the case showed the Officer's actions on this call were within policy. The primary Officer was provided mentoring from their Sergeant regarding when it is appropriate to complete an official report as opposed to making notes in CAD.