



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-058 OPO Number: 19-49  
Date of Complaint: 6/11/2019  
Allegation: Inadequate Response  
Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Spokane Police Department patrol officers responded to a domestic violence situation in the City of Spokane. Upon completion of their investigation, officers developed probable cause to arrest the male suspect for a felony assault. Due to information provided, they feared for the safety of the victim. A press release was sent out asking for public assistance and information on the suspect's whereabouts.

### COMPLAINT

The complainant alleges that erroneous information was put in the press release, and that she was identified due to the location and business information she currently owns with the suspect. She believes that the press release was written due to them being a business owner and felt it was "sensationalized".

### INVESTIGATION

A thorough investigation was completed, to include an interview of the complainant. After reviewing all the evidence including body worn cameras, it was clear that the complainant provided information to responding officers that heightened their concern for her. Officers provided this information to the Public Information Officer, who in turn issued a press release with the pertinent information. The complainant was provided information and context to wording, and in the end she agreed that the officers had her best interest in mind while investigating this case. The complainant agreed with settling this complaint as an Inquiry.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

This complaint was classified as an inquiry.