



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-065 OPO Number: N/A  
Date of Complaint: 7/20/2019  
Allegation: Demeanor  
Chain of Command Finding: Sustained  
Final Discipline: Written Reprimand and Training

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

On 07/20/19 officers were dispatched to the complainant's residence reference a domestic violence. Officers spoke with both parties to investigate the incident. Complainant asked for a supervisor to respond to the scene. Upon arrival of a supervisor, complainant complained about the responding officer's demeanor. No probable cause existed for a crime and neither party was arrested.

### COMPLAINT

Complainant alleges that when the officer responded to his residence, that the officer was demeaning to him.

### INVESTIGATION

The investigator reviewed all related reports, departmental paperwork and watched the associated body worn camera video. Both officers who responded to this particular call were interviewed by Internal Affairs. It was learned that officers responded to the complainant's residence three (3) times that day. Information was that both parties were intoxicated and that there was yelling. The initial responding officer did not wait for back-up prior to making contact. While investigating, the officer and complainant had a verbal exchange during which the officer made comments that were deemed unprofessional.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The original responding officer made some comments that were found to be unprofessional. The allegation of discourteous or disrespectful treatment of any member of the public (Policy 340.3.2, Demeanor) was found to be Sustained. The officer received a Letter of Reprimand and additional training on the principles of de-escalation and effective communication.