



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-070 OPO Number: 19-070  
Date of Complaint: 8/17/2019  
Allegation: Excessive Force and Unlawful/Improper Arrest  
Chain of Command Finding: Unfounded  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

On 08/17/29 SPD Officers were investigating a domestic dispute near Monroe St. and Princeton Ave. A witness pointed out a vehicle leaving the area as a possible suspect in the incident. SPD Officers caught up to the car and also observed some traffic violations. During the traffic stop, the female driver refused to cooperate with officers and would not provide identification or information to the officers. The driver was placed under arrest and in the process complained the officer had no authority to charge her and conducted an inappropriate search incident to arrest.

### COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that on 08/16/19, SPD Officers arrested her without probable cause, used excessive force in executing that arrest and inappropriately searched her incident to arrest.

### INVESTIGATION

A review was conducted of the Officer's BWC (Body Worn Cameras) as well as all related police reports. The officer's supervisor also conducted an initial investigation that did not find any policy violations but was referred to Internal Affairs for a more comprehensive analysis.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

After a lengthy investigation, the officer's conduct was determined to be appropriate, professional and in compliance with policy.