



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-072 OPO Number: 19-57  
Date of Complaint: 8/20/2019  
Allegation: Inadequate Response  
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers were investigating a shooting that occurred after midnight. The victim described the suspect as a black male and provided a clothing description. A Park Ranger described a male that they saw running away from the scene as a white male with similar clothing as that described by the victim. The suspect, a black male, was detained fleeing from the area. He was wearing similar clothing and revolver is found near where he was detained (a revolver was used in the crime). The victim identified the detained suspect as the shooter.

### COMPLAINT

Complainant, who was not involved in the incident, alleges that the arresting officer arrested a subject known to her for a felony charge without merit, and that the arrest was predicated solely on the arrestee's race. Allegation is for bias policing.

### INVESTIGATION

The investigator reviewed all related reports, departmental paperwork and watched the associated body worn camera video. The CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) notes show that the suspect was described by the victim as a black male. The identification of the suspect was on camera and it was obvious from the verbal interaction that the victim was "100%" that the correct suspect had been detained. It was determined that probable cause did exist to charge the suspect with the crime; a process that will be tried through the courts. The complainant later advised they had obtained an attorney and refused to continue to cooperate.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The SPD Officers involved conducted a thorough investigation and based on that developed probable cause to arrest the suspect. The case was Administratively Suspended since the initial complainant no longer wanted to cooperate and because the complaint involves the elements of a crime pending prosecution.