



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-089 OPO Number: 19-70  
Date of Complaint: 9/26/2019  
Allegation: Inadequate Response  
Chain of Command Finding: Closed  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

On 09/14/19, a Spokane Police officer investigated an incident in which a citizen's dog was struck and killed by a vehicle while the citizen was walking their dog on-leash in a crosswalk in North Spokane.

### COMPLAINT

The dog's owner filed a complaint alleging the officer didn't adequately investigate the collision and the officer did not cite the vehicle's driver for any traffic violations.

### INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs investigation consisted of a thorough review of the officer's video from the body-worn camera, a review of the collision report, and an interview with the accused officer.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The accused officer collected the appropriate information from the driver of the vehicle and from the citizen who owned the dog. There was no damage to the vehicle and no person was injured. Therefore, the damage threshold was not met for mandatory collision reporting. The officer assisted the dog's owner by paying for the cremation of the deceased dog with his own finances, and by giving the dog's owner a ride to and from the vet clinic. The case was classified as CLOSED. No discipline was imposed.