



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C19-107 OPO Number: N/A  
Date of Complaint: 11/26/2019  
Allegation: Inadequate Response  
Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended  
Final Discipline: Additional Training

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Spokane Police Department patrol officers responded to a collision investigation. One of the involved parties drove a short distance away from the collision scene, but ultimately came back when confronted by a witness. Officers completed the investigation but did not arrest the at-fault-driver for hit and run.

### COMPLAINT

The complainant felt the at-fault-driver should have been arrested but was not. She also alleges that an officer was given witness information, but did not provide that information to them.

### INVESTIGATION

A thorough investigation was completed, to include an interview of the complainant. After reviewing all the evidence and body worn cameras, it was determined that the at-fault-driver did drive a short distance away, but did return. The traffic unit looked into the investigation and agreed that the officers handled the investigation properly, and would not have charged her with hit and run. The investigation did show that a witness's information was misplaced by an officer during the information.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

This complaint was classified as Administratively Suspended. Internal Affairs did talk with the investigating officers about evidence collection and handling.