

SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CRAIG N. MEIDL CHIEF OF POLICE

Closed Case Summary

OPO Number: 20-10

Complaint Number:	C20-029
Date of Complaint:	4/14/2020
Allegation:	Inadequate Response
Chain of Command Finding:	Inquiry
Final Discipline:	Not Applicable

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

A Spokane citizen contacted the Office of the Police Ombudsman reference a question regarding a domestic violence incident that occurred on March 19th, 2020. The complainant felt the officers failed to make an arrest on an assault, where they determined there was insufficient probable cause.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleges that that the officers failed to do their job, therefore they had an inadequate response.

INVESTIGATION

A thorough investigation was completed, to include reviewing bodycam video and conducting an interview of the complainant. After reviewing all the available information, we concluded that there was insufficient evidence at the time of the incident to develop probable cause for an arrest. The investigation has been assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit for further review and follow-up.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

This complaint was classified as an Inquiry.