



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C20-054 OPO Number: 20-36  
Date of Complaint: 6/23/2020  
Allegation: Inadequate Response  
Chain of Command Finding: Inquiry  
Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

On June 14, 2020, multiple Spokane Police officers responded to a north Spokane address for a reported assault in progress. After interviewing the involved parties and witnesses, the officers determined probable cause existed to cite the suspect for Fourth Degree Assault. The suspect was cited and released at the scene.

### COMPLAINT

The suspect submitted a complaint through the Office of Police Ombudsman alleging the arresting officer did not adequately handle the call and the officer failed to provide an interpreter.

### INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs investigation consisted of a thorough review of all police reports, body camera videos, and an interview of the complainant. All involved officers were wearing body cameras that captured the interactions between the officers and the involved parties and witnesses. Probable cause did exist to charge the suspect with the crime of Fourth Degree Assault. The officers utilized an English-speaking relative of the suspect as an interpreter during the investigation.

The Internal Affairs investigator utilized a certified interpreter to interview the complainant.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The conduct of the accused officer was within Spokane Police Department policies and procedures. The case was classified as an Inquiry.