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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C21-076 OPO Number: 21-36  
Date of Complaint: 11/11/2021  
Allegation: Demeanor and Inadequate Response  
Chain of Command Finding: Closed and Administratively Suspended  
Final Discipline: Verbal Counseling

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS:

Officers responded to a call for service at Crosswalk youth services in downtown Spokane. Upon arrival their investigation involved locating a juvenile for a concerned adult, as well as conducting interviews regarding allegations of child abuse.

### COMPLAINT:

The complainant alleged that officers were more interested in listening to Crosswalk staff's story than returning the child into a parent's custody. Complainant alleged that officers committed procedural errors in their investigation as well as contributed to the kidnapping of the juvenile by not facilitating their return immediately.

### INVESTIGATION:

The complainant had discussions with two Police Lieutenants regarding his allegations. The body worn camera footage and incident report was reviewed. Based off of the completeness of the video record no interviews were necessary

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION:

Regarding the inadequate response and demeanor complaints involving the officers these allegations were disproven upon initial review of the body worn camera footage. Officers appropriately worked the call and properly investigated all of the allegations involved.

One officer received follow up contact from a supervisor due to a comment made to Crosswalk staff that was recorded on camera.

