



**To:** Andrew Myerberg, OPA Director  
**CC:** Gráinne Perkins, OPA Assistant Director  
**From:** Joyce Kirangi, OIG Audits/Investigations  
**Date:** December 13, 2021  
**Re:** 2021OPA-0150

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**CERTIFICATION:**

OIG has reviewed the investigation for Case Number 2021OPA-0150. The investigation is certified as thorough, objective, and timely within OPA.

However, OIG has some concerns and would like to note, significant delays on the part of the Seattle Police Department (SPD) which impacted OPA's investigation but were out of OPA's control. On October 15, 2020, there was a police incident where a community member reported to SPD an allegation against a police officer. That allegation was not communicated or referred to OPA until March 18, 2021.

After reviewing the case, on March 24, 2021, OPA referred the case back to SPD for a criminal investigation. The SPD criminal investigation report was completed on July 8, 2021, but the report was not sent back to OPA until August 16, 2021.

On August 18, 2021, OPA requested a 90-day extension from the Seattle Police Officers Guild (SPOG) in order to complete its investigation and still comply with the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Seattle and SPOG. This was an extension on top of the 180-day time deadline.

On August 19, 2021, SPOG agreed to the 90-day extension with the caveat that they could nullify the 90-day extension at any time.

As noted above, the delays with this case were outside of OPA's control but OIG believes they are worthy of mention.

Respectfully,

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**Joyce Kirangi, OIG Investigations**