



Seattle Office of Inspector General

To: Gino Betts, OPA Director
CC: Dan Okada, OPA Assistant Director of Investigations
From: Mary Prang, OIG Investigation Specialist
Date: 09/07/2023
Re: Partial Certification Memo for Case Number: 2022OPA-0251

Partial Certification Memo with Note

OIG has reviewed the investigation for case number 2022OPA-0251. OIG can certify this case as timely and objective. This case cannot be certified as thorough.

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After reviewing the investigation, OIG shall document in writing the investigation as (a) certified as thorough, timely, and objective; (b) not certified because the investigation is not thorough, timely, and objective but additional investigation is not requested or directed, and the reason; or (c) not certified because the investigation is not thorough and objective, along with any requested or directed further investigation to be conducted by OPA or a request to meet with the OPA Director to discuss possible further investigation.

The incident narrative submitted by Lt. [REDACTED] which was completed the day after the incident stated the Named Employee (NE) had been repeatedly ordered by the Sergeant (Sgt) on scene to stay away from the alleged explosive device. In his interview Sgt. [REDACTED] claimed he gave no order to the NE when he walked into the secured perimeter and began approaching the device. There is no BWV capturing the initial communication between Sgt. [REDACTED] and the NE, Sgt. [REDACTED] turns his BWV on after the NE had already approached the device, so it is unclear what was said between the two at the start of their interaction. Due to the time which elapsed between the incident and Sgt. [REDACTED]'s interview, and the fact his interview conflicted with the narrative provided by Lt. [REDACTED], OIG feels a follow-up interview of Lt. [REDACTED] may have provided additional clarity of those conflicting statements.

NOTE: OIG identified an additional area of concern which has been discussed with OPA and will be addressed through a Supervisory Action.

Respectfully,

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