



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2014-0089

Issued Date: 03/09/2015

<b>Named Employee #1</b>	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 5.001 (III)(A) Standards & Duties – Adherence to Law (Policy that was issued 08/15/12)
OPA Finding	<b>Sustained</b>
Final Discipline	20 day suspension without pay

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

An outside law enforcement agency contacted the named employee regarding his purchase of a controlled substance from a person other than an authorized pharmacy. In exchange for his testimony concerning illegal drug sales by another person, the named employee received immunity from prosecution.

#### **COMPLAINT**

The named employee self-reported to his chain of command.

#### **INVESTIGATION**

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint memo
2. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
3. Review of other law enforcement agency available records
4. Interviews of Witnesses
5. Interviews of SPD employees

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

It was determined that the named employee purchased a controlled substance on more than one occasion from someone who was not a licensed pharmacist. While the named employee had a prescription for the substance that he purchased, it is unlawful to obtain a controlled substance in this manner. It was also determined that the named employee was given a different prescription medication by the same unauthorized source. SPD policy requires all employees to comply with the law.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Named Employee #1**

The weight of the evidence showed that named employee #1 participated in illegal transactions for the medications; therefore a **Sustained** finding was issued for *Adherence of Law*.

*NOTE: The Seattle Police Department Manual policies cited for the allegation(s) made for this OPA Investigation are policies that were in effect during the time of the incident. The issued date of the policy is listed.*