



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2014-0470

Issued Date: 05/11/2015

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 8.100 (I) Using Force: When Authorized (Policy that was issued 01/01/14)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Seattle Police Officers were dispatched to a domestic violence disturbance at the residence of the complainant. During the investigation, the named employee made physical contact with the complainant twice.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged the named employee grabbed her wrist where she recently had surgery conducted and complained of the use of force.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint voicemail
2. Interview of the complainant
3. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
4. Review of 911 Call
5. Interviews of SPD employees

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Reviewing the evidence it was determined that the named employee was attempting to separate the two individuals involved in the disturbance. The first contact by the named employee was a hand placed on the complainant's arm to guide her away from the other individual to prevent possible harm. The second contact by the named employee was to stop the complainant's hand from reaching into her purse after he had repeatedly asked her not to do so as a safety measure. An officer shall use only the force reasonable, necessary, and proportionate to effectively bring an incident or person under control, while protecting the lives of the officer and others. The use of force by the named employee was reasonable, necessary and proportionate given the totality of circumstances.

FINDINGS

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The evidence demonstrated that the force used by the named employee was consistent with Department policy. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Unfounded) was issued for *Using Force: When Authorized*.

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.