



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2014-0717

Issued Date: 06/03/2015

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 15.180 (1) Primary Investigations: Search for Evidence (Policy that was issued 05/21/14)
OPA Finding	<b>Not Sustained</b> (Lawful & Proper)
Final Discipline	N/A

Named Employee #2	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 15.180 (1) Primary Investigations: Search for Evidence (Policy that was issued 05/21/14)
OPA Finding	<b>Not Sustained</b> (Lawful & Proper)
Final Discipline	N/A

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

The complainant phoned 911 to report that her car had been broken into while parked and her purse had been taken. The 911 operator told her that there would be a delay in police response due to current call load. Named employee #1 arrived at her house and obtained the pertinent information and completed a police report regarding the car prowler. The complainant phoned the precinct a few days later to inquire into the status of her case. She spoke to named employee #2 who told her that her case had been closed.

## **COMPLAINT**

The complainant alleged that the named employees were not diligent in searching for video evidence that might assist with the investigation as there might have been video from the case station where her stolen credit card had been used at.

## **INVESTIGATION**

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

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

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

The evidence demonstrated that the named employees acted reasonably and professionally in their handling of the case and in their explanations to the complainant about the status of her case. The evidence showed that neither named employee engaged in misconduct.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Named Employee #1 and #2**

The weight of the evidence showed that the named employees acted reasonably and professionally. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Lawful & Proper) was issued for *Primary Investigations: Search for Evidence*.

*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.*