



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-0315

Issued Date: 09/18/2015

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 6.220 (1) Voluntary Contacts, Terry Stops & Detentions; Terry Stops are Seizures and Must Be Based on Reasonable Suspicion in Order to be Lawful (Policy that was issued 12/01/2014)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Inconclusive)
Allegation #2	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 5.140 (2) Bias-Free Policing; Officers Will Not Engage in Bias-Based Policing (Policy that was issued 01/01/2015)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Inconclusive)
Final Discipline	N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The complainant's colleague exited a light rail station and had an interaction with law enforcement.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that unknown employee(s) detained his colleague, who he would not identify, for any discernable reason as he exited a light rail station. The unknown employees demanded to see the identification of his colleague and finally allowed him to leave after 45 minutes.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Interview of complainant
2. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

OPA attempted several times to contact the complainant to obtain more information, but he did not respond. OPA performed a GPS query in the records management system and was unable to locate any SPD units in the vicinity of the light rail station at the time the incident was alleged to have occurred. OPA contacted the Sound Transit Police and Sound Transit Fare Enforcement but was not able to locate any records as the name of the complainant's colleague was never identified. Attempts to locate surveillance video of the light rail station were not successful as it had been purged before OPA inquired.

FINDINGS

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The evidence could not prove or disprove that unknown employee(s) stopped the complainant. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Inconclusive) was issued for *Voluntary Contacts, Terry Stops & Detentions; Terry Stops are Seizures and Must Be Based on Reasonable Suspicion in Order to be Lawful*.

Allegation #2

The evidence could not prove or disprove that unknown employee(s) stopped the complainant. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Inconclusive) was issued for *Bias-Free Policing; Officers Will Not Engage in Bias-Based Policing*.

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.