



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-0401

Issued Date: 10/21/2015

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| Named Employee #1 | |
| Allegation #1 | <u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 5.001 (9) Professionalism (Policy that was issued 07/16/2014) |
| OPA Finding | Not Sustained (Inconclusive) |
| Final Discipline | N/A |

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Three uniformed SPD officers were observed giving directions to a disabled citizen and then watched the citizen walk away.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that the one of the officers began walking "awkwardly" mocking the way the disabled citizen walked past.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint email
2. Interview of the complainant
3. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
4. Interview of SPD employees

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The allegations presented to OPA were investigated in significant detail to include formal interviews with several employees and a search to identify surveillance video from the area. OPA was unable to identify the subject of the alleged unprofessional conduct and the three uniformed officers involved in the alleged misconduct. A preponderance of the evidence in the case could neither substantiate nor refute the allegation made by the complainant.

FINDINGS

Named Employee #1

Allegation #1

The evidence could not prove or disprove that an SPD officer behaved as alleged by the complainant. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Inconclusive) was issued for *Professionalism*.

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.