



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-0826

Issued Date: 02/11/2016

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 16.110-POL-5 Responding to Subjects in Behavioral Crisis; 9. Officers Shall Document All Contacts With Subjects Who are in Behavioral Crisis (Policy that was issued 10/28/14)
OPA Finding	<b>Not Sustained</b> (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

Named Employee #2	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 16.110-POL-5 Responding to Subjects in Behavioral Crisis; 9. Officers Shall Document All Contacts With Subjects Who are in Behavioral Crisis (Policy that was issued 10/28/14)
OPA Finding	<b>Sustained</b>
Final Discipline	Oral Reprimand and Retraining on Policy 16.0110

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

The named employees were dispatched two separate times within a timeframe of approximately thirty minutes to a "Disturbance" call.

## **COMPLAINT**

The complainant alleged that the named employees refused to assist him when he claimed he was in crisis.

## **INVESTIGATION**

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of complainant voicemail
2. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
3. Review of In-Car Videos
4. Interviews of SPD employees

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

The evidence showed that the named employees responded to a Disturbance call. American Medical Response (AMR) called police to report a man was throwing his shoes at the ambulance. The call was updated to report that the man was intoxicated and had started to remove his clothing. The investigation included a review of the In-Car Video (ICV) for the two contacts with the man, the subject. The subject can be heard multiple times on ICV stating that he was in crisis. Policy 16.110-POL-5 defines a behavioral health crisis as an episode of mental and/or emotional distress in a person that is creating significant or repeated disturbance and is considered disruptive by the community, friends, family or the person themselves. Officers will document the contact by using either a General Offense (GO) report or a street check. The evidence showed that there was not a GO report or street check written for this incident.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Named Employee #1**

#### Allegation #1

The evidence showed that named employee #1 was the "Cover Officer" and did not have responsibility for completing any required reports as a result of this incident. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Unfounded) was issued for *Officers Shall Document All Contacts With Subjects Who are in Behavioral Crisis*.

### **Named Employee #2**

#### Allegation #1

The evidence showed that named employee #2 as "Primary Officer" had complete responsibility for completing any required reports as a result of this incident. Therefore a **Sustained** finding was issued for *Officers Shall Document All Contacts With Subjects Who are in Behavioral Crisis*.

Discipline imposed: Oral Reprimand and Retraining on Policy 16.110

*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.*