



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2016-0147

Issued Date: 08/22/2016

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 16.090 (6) In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity (Policy that was issued 02/01/2015)
OPA Finding	Sustained
Final Discipline	Written Reprimand

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The Named Employee was dispatched to a 911 call of a Domestic Violence Assault.

COMPLAINT

The complainant, the Force Review Unit, alleged that the Named Employee responded to an event but failed to activate the In-Car Video (ICV).

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint memo
2. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
3. Search for In-Car Video (ICV)
4. Interview of SPD employee

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The Named Employee was dispatched to a 911 call of a Domestic Violence Assault. The Named Employee did not activate the In-Car Video (ICV) in his police car when he began his response to the call as required by SPD Policy §16.090(6) in force on the date of this incident. As a result, the Named Employee did not create a video and audio recording of his response to and police activity (area search) associated with the call. The Named Employee told OPA he simply forgot to activate the ICV system. The OPA investigation did not find any reason, mechanical or otherwise, that prevented the Named Employee from recording his police activity as required.

FINDINGS

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The evidence supports that Named Employee #1 violated the policy. Therefore a **Sustained** finding was issued for *In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity*.

Discipline imposed: Written Reprimand

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.