



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2016-0169

Issued Date: 08/17/2016

| 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       | <b>Sustained</b>  |
| Final Discipline  | Written Reprimand   |

| Named Employee #2 |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 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       | <b>Sustained</b>  |
| Final Discipline  | Written Reprimand   |

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

The Named Employees were dispatched to an Assault call at a park.

#### **COMPLAINT**

The complainant, a supervisor within the Department, alleged that the Named Employees did not activate their 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. Interview of SPD employees

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

Named Employee #1 and Named Employee #2 were dispatched to an Assault call at a park. Both Named Employees responded to the park and were unable to locate the person who had called for service. Neither Named Employee #1 nor Named Employee #2 activated the In-Car Video (ICV) in their respective police vehicles when they were dispatched to the call or at any time while they were responding or driving through the park. There was no audio/video recording in connection with this call to which both Named Employees were dispatched in response to a 911 call. SPD Policy §16.090(6) in force on the day of this incident required officers to activate the recording function of their ICV, "starting when the officer begins travel to the call and ending consistent with paragraph 8 below."

## **FINDINGS**

### **Named Employee #1**

#### Allegation #1

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

### **Named Employee #2**

#### Allegation #1

The evidence supports that Named Employee #2 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.*