



May 20, 2021

Interim Chief Adrian Diaz
Seattle Police Department
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Dear Chief Diaz:

Please see the below Management Action Recommendation.

Case Number

- 2020OPA-0484 / 2021COMP-0019

Topic

- Miranda Warnings

Summary

- It was alleged that officers did not read Miranda warnings when arresting a protester.

Analysis

- [SPD Policy 6.010-POL-3](#) requires that arrestees be read their Miranda warnings “as soon as practical” after being taken into custody.
- The complainant was not subjected to questioning during the custodial arrest and, as such, the failure to read Miranda warnings was a technical violation.
- The failure to provide the Miranda advisement was likely the result of the chaotic nature of the demonstration and the lack of clear roles and responsibilities between arresting officers and officers who processed the arrest.

Recommendation(s)

- Ensure that officer roles are clear in protest arrests so that Miranda warnings are read when required.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Andrew Myerberg
Director, Office of Police Accountability