



To: Andrew Myerberg, OPA Director
CC: Mark Grba, Deputy Director of Investigations; Grainne Perkins, Investigations Supervisor
From: Lynn Erickson, Public Safety Auditor/Investigator
Date: 11/24/2020
Re: 2020OPA-0601 Partial Certification

CERTIFICATION:

OIG has reviewed the Investigation for 2020OPA-0601 and is not certifying the investigation as thorough.

In assessing an OPA investigation, per Ordinance 3.29.260.F.2 (a), one of the criteria OIG should consider when certifying is whether witnesses were contacted, interviewed, and all other material evidence was timely collected. In this case, more than three months elapsed after the Complainant's phone calls to OPA requesting to initiate a complaint until OPA contacted her. By that time, the Complainant responded, "it took your office over 3 months to get back to me and those same officers I reported continued to antagonize, bully, and brutalized civilians." Ultimately, the Complainant was not willing to participate in the investigative process. This failure to timely collect evidence has impacted the ability of OPA to conduct a thorough investigation.

OIG is not requesting additional investigation into the Complainant's allegations of excessive force during a protest because, based on OPA's lack of timely collection of relevant information, perishable evidence is no longer available. Thus, this deficiency cannot be remedied.

Thank you.

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