



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-1861

Issued Date: 07/06/2016

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 8.300-POL-1 (1) Use-of-Force Reporting and Investigation: Officers Shall Report All Uses of Force Except De Minimis Force (Policy that was issued 01/01/2014)
OPA Finding	<b>Not Sustained</b> (Inconclusive)
Final Discipline	N/A

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

Officers were working during a mass demonstration event.

#### **COMPLAINT**

The complainant, the Force Review Board, alleged that an unknown employee did not document or report their use of force.

#### **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. Review of private video
4. Interview of SPD employees

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

It was alleged that an unknown officer seen making the arrest of a subject during a mass demonstration event failed to report his use of force as required by SPD policy. Despite an extensive search and numerous interviews of officers known to be present at or near the event captured on video, OPA was unable to identify the officer who initially made the arrest. Furthermore, the subject did not reply to OPA's request for an interview. Without the benefit of being able to interview either the subject or the unknown officer, it is impossible to determine if that officer used force requiring documentation under SPD policy.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Named Employee #1**

#### Allegation #1

There was no evidence to prove or disprove the allegation against an unknown employee. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Inconclusive) was issued for *Use-of-Force Reporting and Investigation: Officers Shall Report All Uses of Force Except De Minimis Force*.

*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.*