



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2016-0250

Issued Date: 10/19/2016

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 8.200 (1) Using Force: Use of Force: When Authorized (Policy that was issued September 1, 2015)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The Named Employee and another officer were conducting surveillance on a house where the subject lived.

COMPLAINT

During an interview with a sergeant, the complainant alleged that she believed she saw the Named Employee put the suspect in a headlock with his arm around his throat. This complaint was forwarded to OPA by a supervisor within the Department.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint
2. Interview of the subject
3. Review of In-Car Videos (ICV)
4. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
5. Interviews of SPD employees

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The complainant alleged that the Named Employee may have used force that was not proportional on a subject who was being arrested. Specifically, that complainant alleged the Named Employee placed the subject into a choke hold around his neck. The preponderance of the evidence from this investigation showed that the Named Employee did not use a choke hold or in any other way choke the subject.

FINDINGS

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The preponderance of the evidence from this investigation showed that the Named Employee did not use a choke hold or in any other way choke the subject. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Unfounded) was issued for *Using Force: Use of Force: When Authorized*.

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.