



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2017-0056

Issued Date: 07/25/2017

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 (Lawful and Proper)
Final Discipline	N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The Named Employee and another officer responded to a 9-1-1 call for a Family Disturbance.

COMPLAINT

The complainants alleged that the Named Employee employed unnecessary force on the complainant who was the victim of an assault associated with a Domestic Violence arrest.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

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

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The preponderance of the evidence showed that the Named Employee used his hands to grab the wrist and arm of the complainant and push her back as she (the complainant) was holding onto a door. The Named Employee was attempting to open the door so he could check on the safety of his partner officer, who was inside, and so the partner officer could also check on the Named Employee. The complainant was preventing the Named Employee from opening the door and threatening to go inside a residence where she could potentially interfere with an arrest. Given the totality of the circumstances, this use of force was reasonable, necessary and proportional to both prevent the complainant from going inside and continuing her previous interference with an arrest and to ensure the safety of both officers.

FINDINGS

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The preponderance of the evidence showed that given the totality of the circumstances, the Named Employee's use of force was reasonable, necessary and proportional. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Lawful and Proper) 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.