



Seattle Office of Police Accountability

March 13, 2019

Chief Carmen Best
Seattle Police Department
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Dear Chief Best:

Please see the below Management Action Recommendation.

Case Number

- 2018OPA-0201

Topic

- Standards and Duties (*Ferrier Warning*)

Summary

- OPA found that the Named Employees violated *SPD Policy 5.001 (2) – Employees Must Adhere to Laws, City Policy, and Department Policy* by failing to provide *Ferrier* warnings before entering and searching a residence to find evidence of narcotics production.

Analysis

- OPA attributes the Named Employees' failure to comply with policy and the law during this incident to the lack of search and seizure training they have historically received. The Named Employees' conduct was based on mistake and misapprehension of the law.

Recommendation(s)

- The Training Unit should create a search and seizure training module and provide this training to all officers assigned to the Patrol Operations Bureau, at a minimum.
- Similar recommendations were issued for cases 2017OPA-1132 and 2018OPA-0053.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "AM".

Andrew Myerberg
Director, Office of Police Accountability