

IG CERTIFICATION MEMO

To: Andrew Myerberg, OPA Director

CC: Mark Grba and Grainne Perkins, OPA Assistant Directors
From: Lynn Erickson, OIG Public Safety Auditor/Investigator

Date: May 3, 2021 **Re:** 2020OPA-0684

CERTIFICATION:

OIG has reviewed the additional information provided by OPA for Case Number 2020OPA-0684. I appreciate the Investigator taking the time to respond to the OIG request with a 12-page memo. The investigation is certified as timely, thorough, and objective.

For the record, several concerns were expressed with this investigation, including the failure to re-direct the Named Employee's testimony away from speaking in generalities to instead relaying specific observations and facts involving the subject's behavior. Other concerns pertained to the Named Employee's probable cause for the arrest, the inaccuracies with his statement/report, and OPA's decision to not interview a Witness Employee who directly observed the events that led to the Named Employee using force (which were not captured on video), as well as the force itself. As a general reminder, these are areas that OIG will continue to focus on as robust and thorough investigations remain integral to public trust.

Respectfully,

Lynn Erickson