



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2014-0389

Issued Date: 05/11/2015

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 8.100 (I) Using Force: When Authorized (Policy that was issued 01/01/14)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

Named Employee #2	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 8.100 (I) Using Force: When Authorized (Policy that was issued 01/01/14)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

Named Employee #3	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 8.100 (I) Using Force: When Authorized (Policy that was issued 01/01/14)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The named employees were dispatched to a call of several people sleeping on the loading dock of a business. After the officers arrived all of the people left except for the complainant. The complainant was unresponsive to the efforts of the officers to wake him up so they called for the Seattle Fire Department (SFD). While SFD was checking for a pulse, the complainant suddenly jumped up. The complainant took an aggressive stance and yelled that officers had choked him. The officers defused the situation and the complainant left.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that the named employees choked him when they attempted to wake him up.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint made in person
2. Interview of the complainant
3. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
4. Review of In-Car Video

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The entire incident between the named employees and the complainant was captured by In-Car Video. The evidence shows that the alleged misconduct did not occur.

FINDINGS

Named Employee #1, #2 & #3

Allegation #1

The evidence showed that the named employees did not choke the complainant as alleged. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Unfounded) was issued for *Using 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.