



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-0011

Issued Date: 08/14/2015

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

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

SPD employees were working during a demonstration.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that he received “bruises all over his body” because of his arrest.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of complaint email
2. Interview of the complainant
3. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
4. Interviews of SPD employees

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

An officer shall use only the force reasonable, necessary, and proportionate to effectively bring an incident or person under control, while protecting the lives of the officer or others. Two other officers and the named employee were escorting the complainant outside of a restricted area cordoned off for the demonstration. The complainant attempted to kick the named employee and the named employee grabbed ahold of the incoming foot to prevent it from coming into contact with her torso. The other two officers had a hold of the complainant's arms and as the complainant started to fall, they eased him onto the ground. The named employee arrested the complainant. The evidence showed that the force used by the named employee was proportional in response to an assault. The complainant did not complain of any injury at the time of the incident nor did he complain of any injuries at the time the incident was screened with a supervisor.

FINDINGS

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The evidence showed that the named employee used force that was proportional. 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.