



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-0622

Issued Date: 10/23/2015

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 11.010 (2) Detainee Management in Department Facilities: Officers Will Assist Detainees with Reasonable Requests for Water and Restroom Access (Policy that was issued 12/19/2012)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

Named Employee #2	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 11.010 (2) Detainee Management in Department Facilities: Officers Will Assist Detainees with Reasonable Requests for Water and Restroom Access (Policy that was issued 12/19/2012)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The named employees were working at a precinct and overseeing the holding cell area.

COMPLAINT

The complainant, a supervisor within the Department, alleged that the named employees refused to provide water to a subject in a holding cell after he was arrested.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

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

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The evidence showed that named employee #1 completed the paperwork for processing the subject in the holding cell. Before leaving the holding cell area named employee #1 heard the subject ask for water and believed that named employee #2 would provide the water. Named employee #2 remembers providing the subject with water. There was no holding cell video for the time in question and no additional witnesses were identified.

FINDINGS

Named Employee #1 & #2

Allegation #1

The preponderance of evidence supports that the named employees provided water to the subject. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Unfounded) was issued for *Detainee Management in Department Facilities: Officers Will Assist Detainees with Reasonable Requests for Water and Restroom Access*.

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.