



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2016-0606

Issued Date: 03/31/2017

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 16.230 (3) Issuing Tickets and Traffic Contact Reports: Officers Document All Traffic Stops (Policy that was issued February 19, 2014)
OPA Finding	<b>Not Sustained</b> (Unfounded)
Allegation #2	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 16.230 (TSK-4) Issuing Tickets and Traffic Contact Reports: Utilizing Delayed Issuance of Tickets (Policy that was issued February 19, 2014)
OPA Finding	<b>Not Sustained</b> (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

While reviewing a separate case, OPA could not find a scanned copy of a criminal citation that was allegedly issued by the Named Employee.

#### **COMPLAINT**

It was alleged that the Named Employee was untruthful in a police report when he included a "failure to stop" charge that was unfounded, however during intake OPA's review of the General Offense Report indicated there was basis for the "failure to stop" filed by the prosecutor. However, during Intake, OPA discovered possible allegations the Named Employee failed to write a criminal citation and follow the process for utilizing delayed issuing of tickets.

## **INVESTIGATION**

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

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

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

The preponderance of the evidence supported the conclusion that the Named Employee issued a citation. However, for some unknown reason a scanned copy of the citation was not added to the General Offence Report by Records as required. The Named Employee provided OPA with a copy of the original ticket stating that he wrote the ticket.

The preponderance of the evidence supported the conclusion that the Named Employee issued a citation. As such, no "Delayed Issuance of a Ticket" was necessary.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Named Employees #1 and #2**

#### Allegation #1

A preponderance of the evidence supported the conclusion that the Named Employee issued a citation. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Unfounded) was issued for *Issuing Tickets and Traffic Contact Reports: Officers Document All Traffic Stops*.

#### Allegation #2

A preponderance of the evidence showed that no "Delayed Issuance of a Ticket" was necessary. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Unfounded) was issued for *Issuing Tickets and Traffic Contact Reports: Utilizing Delayed Issuance of Tickets*.

*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.*