



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2016-0907

Issued Date: 12/13/2016

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 16.090 (6) In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity (Policy that was issued March 1, 2016)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The Named Employee's Supervisor reported a possible violation to OPA.

COMPLAINT

During an OPA Intake, it was discovered the Named Employee may have violated policy by not recording police activity on his In-Car Video (ICV).

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint memo
2. Review of In-Car Videos (ICV)
3. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
4. Interview of SPD employee

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The complainant, the Office of Professional Accountability, alleged the Named Employee failed to audio and video record police activity as required by policy. While reviewing ICV related to another OPA investigation the investigator was unable to locate ICV for the Named Employee. There was no record of the Named Employee signing into ICV or of him conducting a system check as required. During his interview the Named Employee stated that he thought he conducted a systems check and recorded the incident. He had no explanation as to why there was no ICV from that date. The Named Employee stated he checked the ICV system prior to his interview and was unable to locate any ICV from that date. During the Director's review of the completed investigation, OPA was able to locate video of the Named Employee arriving at the scene of the incident and his entire time there. This video was found in the ICV system logged under the serial numbers of two other officers, neither of whom was working the day of the incident. It is unknown how the Named Employee's ICV was logged in and recorded under unrelated serial numbers. OPA has referred this matter to SPD Information Technology for technical review and follow up. Based on the preponderance of the evidence, it is clear the Named Employee logged into the ICV, conducted a systems check and recorded the incident. The Named Employee had no way of knowing the system had logged the video under different officers' serial numbers.

FINDINGS

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The preponderance of the evidence showed the Named Employee logged into the ICV, conducted a systems check and recorded the incident. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Unfounded) was issued for *In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity*.

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.