



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2016-1434

Issued Date: 07/11/2017

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 5.001 (2) Standards and Duties: Employees Must Adhere to Laws, City Policy and Department Policy (Policy that was issued April 1, 2015)
OPA Finding	<b>Not Sustained</b> (Inconclusive)
Final Discipline	N/A

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

The Office of Professional Accountability received a complaint from an outside agency.

#### **COMPLAINT**

The complainant, the Office of Professional Accountability, alleged the Named Employee may have made Domestic Violence (DV) threats.

#### **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. Review of external investigation documents
4. Interviews of SPD employees

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

The incident in question was an interaction between the Named Employee and his estranged wife, witnessed only by their young child. The ex-spouse of the Named Employee made allegations to local law enforcement that the Named Employee had threatened her during a heated exchange between the two of them. The Named Employee denied these allegations. Given the lack of any witness- other than their young child- to the exchange and the absence of any known video and/or audio recordings, there was insufficient evidence to either prove or disprove the allegation.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Named Employee #1**

#### Allegation #1

There was not a preponderance of the evidence either supporting or refuting the allegation. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Inconclusive) was issued for *Standards and Duties: Employees Must Adhere to Laws, City Policy and Department Policy*.

*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.*