



CLOSED CASE SUMMARY

ISSUED DATE: MARCH 31, 2018

CASE NUMBER: 2017OPA-0913

Allegations of Misconduct & Director’s Findings

Named Employee #1

Allegation(s):		Director’s Findings
# 1	Bias-free Policing - 5.140 - Bias-Free Policing 2. Officers Will Not Engage in Bias-Based Policing	Not Sustained (Unfounded)

This Closed Case Summary (CCS) represents the opinion of the OPA Director regarding the misconduct alleged and therefore sections are written in the first person.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Complainant alleged that SPD never investigated any of his past complaints of criminal activity and that this inaction was based on his race.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS:

Named Employee #1 - Allegation #1

Bias-free Policing - 5.140 - Bias-Free Policing 2. Officers Will Not Engage in Bias-Based Policing

The Complainant made a number of allegations in this case. First, he claimed that he was being targeted by a group of men from the Seattle gay community and that these men had assaulted and raped him. He stated that SPD had done nothing to investigate these incidents. Second, he claimed that he called to obtain the report relating to these incidents and was told that none existed by someone at the East Precinct. Third, he alleged that SPD employees were working with the group of gay men that were targeting him. Fourth, he claimed that if he were white instead of African-American the police would have assisted him and these issues would have been resolved.

During its investigation, OPA spoke to the Complainant multiple times concerning the above allegations. The Complainant was never able to identify who at SPD was involved in a conspiracy with the group of gay men and did not provide any evidence to this end. OPA also reviewed prior police reports submitted by the Complainant, none of which shed any light on this matter. Notably, the Complainant’s prior cases have been reported on, evaluated, and no criminal conduct has been uncovered.

SPD policy prohibits biased policing, which it defines as “the different treatment of any person by officers motivated by any characteristic of protected classes under state, federal, and local laws as well other discernible personal characteristics of an individual.” (SPD Policy 5.140.) This includes different treatment based on the race of the subject. (*See id.*) As indicated above, the Complainant alleged that SPD officers, in general, are biased against him because he has not received the results that he wanted from his criminal complaints. While I understand that the Complainant is frustrated by what he believes is ongoing and unabated criminal conduct, this is not due to bias on the part of any SPD officers. Regardless of the Complainant’s race, the inquiries into his allegations would not have



been resolved any differently. I find that there is no evidence of any bias on the part of SPD officers and accordingly deem the Complainant's allegations to be without merit.

As such, I recommend that this allegation be Not Sustained – Unfounded.

Recommended Finding: **Not Sustained (Unfounded)**