



# Seattle Office of Inspector General

**To:** Gráinne Perkins - Interim OPA Director  
**CC:** Chelsea Whittier - OPA Investigations Supervisor  
**From:** Matthias Gydé - OIG Investigations Supervisor  
**Date:** February 2, 2022  
**Re:** Partial Certification Memo for Case Number: 2021OPA-0315

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## Partial Certification Memo

OIG has reviewed the investigation for case number 2021OPA-0315 and appreciates the efforts of OPA to address deficiencies identified by OIG earlier in the certification process.

OIG can certify this investigation as timely and objective but is unable to certify the investigation as thorough.

In previous correspondence with OPA, OIG requested an email sent from OPA to the complainant attempting to secure an interview, be uploaded into the investigative record. Following this request, OIG was informed by OPA that an agency wide search was conducted, and this email cannot be located. The reason given is the email may have been automatically deleted after 90 days if it was not moved to a retention folder.

The absence of this document creates a gap in the investigative record which OPA cannot correct. In addition, OIG is concerned about the loss of a public record in this case and would ask that OPA review with all staff the expectations surrounding records retention to ensure compliance with state law.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthias Gydé".

Matthias Gydé – OIG Investigations Supervisor