



# Seattle Office of Inspector General

**To:** Gino Betts, OPA Acting Director  
**CC:** Nelson Leese, OPA Interim Assistant Director of Investigations & Legal Affairs  
**From:** Payton Schenck, OIG Public Safety Audit and Investigation Specialist  
**Date:** August 9, 2022  
**Re:** Partial Certification Memo for Case 2021OPA-0481

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## Partial Certification Memo

OIG has reviewed the investigation for case 2021OPA-0481. We can certify the case as thorough and objective, however, because the case was completed after the 180-day deadline, we are unable to certify the case as timely. Specifically, OIG requested OPA contact an additional complainant for an interview before certifying, which was not able to be completed within the 180-day deadline, though OPA did ultimately attempt to contact the complainant. Notably, OPA had an extremely limited window for investigation due to the need for a criminal referral to outside entities, and not being provided an extension under the CBA despite OPA making a request.

Accordingly, OIG can certify the case as thorough and objective, but not timely.

Respectfully,

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