



Seattle Office of Inspector General

To: Gino Betts, OPA Director
CC: Gránnie Perkins, Interim OPA Assistant Director of Investigations and Legal Affairs
From: Nicolette Lattanzio, OIG Public Safety Audit and Investigation Specialist
Date: September 6, 2022
Re: OIG Certification Memo for Case Number: 2022OPA-0047

OIG Certification Memo

OIG has reviewed the investigation for case number 2022OPA-0047. The investigation is certified as thorough, timely, and objective. However, OIG does want to alert OPA to a possible miscalculation of the 180-day investigatory period.

While the NE has since separated from SPD, they were on an extended leave before separation occurred. SPOG agreed to toll the case while the NE was out on leave. Once NE separated, the case came out of tolling. The case was tolled for 104 days.

According to SPOG, tolling freezes the 180-day investigatory period at the day an officer goes on leave. It remains frozen until the officer returns to work (or separates from employment). Once the officer returns (or separates), that date becomes the day from which the new 180-day investigatory period is calculated.

In this case, it appears the 180-day investigatory period may have been calculated from the original 180-day expiration date of 7/26/22 (which puts the 180 at 11/7/22), rather than the date of NE's separation from SPD, which was 6/1/22 (which puts the 180 at 9/13/22).

While this information does not currently impact the certification of this case, OIG did want to bring this to OPA's attention.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicolette Lattanzio".

Nicolette Lattanzio, OIG Public Safety and Investigation Specialist