



Seattle Office of Inspector General

To: Gino Betts, OPA Director
CC: Dan Okada, OPA Assistant Director of Investigations
From: Nicolette Lattanzio, OIG Investigation Specialist
Date: August 23, 2023
Re: Partial Certification Memo for Case Number: 2023OPA-0155

Partial Certification Memo

OIG has reviewed the investigation for case number 2023OPA-0155. OIG can certify this case as timely and objective. However, this case cannot be certified as thorough.

Under section 3.29.260 (F) of Seattle's Accountability Ordinance, "[a]fter reviewing the investigation, OIG shall document in writing the investigation as (a) certified as thorough, timely, and objective; (b) not certified because the investigation is not thorough, timely, and objective but additional investigation is not requested or directed, and the reason..."

Here, OIG is unable to certify this case as thorough for the following reasons:

1. The complaint was premised on the Seattle Police Department's (SPD) release of various forms of evidence. However, only policy relating to one form of evidence was included in the case as potentially violated. It was also the only policy included in notifications to the named employee, their chain of command, and their union. The policy relating to the release of the impounded vehicle should also have been included in the case (6.120-TSK-8).
2. According to the case intake, another SPD employee was involved with some of the evidence. Specifically, the unnamed but known employee handled releasing the vehicle from SPD to the towing company's possession. Because of their involvement, they should have been identified as a named employee in the investigation.

Because the issues cannot be remedied, OIG will provide partial certification for this case, certifying it as timely and objective but not thorough. If there is anything you'd like to discuss, just let me know.

Respectfully,

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

Nicolette Lattanzio, OIG Investigation Specialist