



Seattle Office of Inspector General

To: Gino Betts, OPA Director
CC: Daniel Okada, OPA Assistant Director of Investigations
From: Payton Schenck, OIG Lead Investigative Specialist
Date: June 5, 2024
Re: Partial Certification Memo for 2023OPA-0544

Partial Certification Memo

OIG has reviewed the investigation for case 2023OPA-0544. During OIG's initial review of the case, OIG highlighted allegations related to the Named Employees' professionalism. Specifically, it was alleged the Named Employees improperly reached out to witnesses regarding the Use of Force case connected to this incident, a potential violation of SPD's professionalism policy. OPA interviewed both witnesses after OIG requested additional investigation be done, and one made a complaint directly about the Named Employees professionalism. While OPA asked questions about these allegations in the Named Employee interviews, OPA did not include a professionalism allegation in the classification. By not classifying the professionalism allegation, OPA cannot sustain findings in this area, and as such means the investigation cannot be certified as thorough.

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

Respectfully,

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Payton Schenck, OIG Lead Investigative Specialist