



Seattle Office of Inspector General

To: Gino Betts, Interim OPA Director
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Date: July 25, 2024
Re: Partial Certification Memo for Case Number: 2024OPA-0070

Partial Certification Memo

OIG has reviewed the investigation for case number 2024OPA-0070.

OIG finds the interview of the Named Employee lacking in Objectivity. During the interview, the investigator asked some leading questions and colored some of the more objective points regarding what occurred on scene with their own impressions, rather than letting the Named Employee present their position on what the scene was like.

- Around the 20:00 mark in the interview, the investigator begins suggesting adjectives to describe the subject's behavior. Specifically, the investigator describes the subject's behavior as "argumentative."
- This makes subsequent questions asked about the subject's behavior (such as asking the Named Employee what other words he would use to describe the subject's behavior) leading questions.

For these reasons, OIG can certify this case on the elements of timeliness and thoroughness but is unable to certify on the element of objectivity. OIG appreciates OPA taking the time to discuss these concerns.

Respectfully,

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