



Seattle Office of Inspector General

To: Bonnie Glenn, OPA Director
CC: Mary Opler, OPA Investigations Supervisor
From: Payton Schenck, OIG Lead Investigative Specialist
Date: December 5, 2025
Re: Partial Certification Memo for 2025OPA-0294

Partial Certification Memo

OIG has reviewed the investigation for case 2025OPA-0294. While reviewing the investigation, OIG listened to the Complainant interview recording and was concerned with OPA's questioning of a complainant during a complainant interview. While discussing the incident the OPA investigator questioned the legality of the complainant's actions and continued a line of questioning that ultimately caused the complainant to stop answering OPA's questions. Questioning why the complainant did not provide identification to a police officer after jaywalking and discussing the legality of the complainant's actions during the complainant interview creates the impression OPA is defending the officer's actions, rather than independently conducting an investigation requested by the community member.

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

Respectfully,

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