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OIG Statement on the NYU Policing Project Audit of Seattle's Real Time Crime Center

SEATTLE - The Office of Inspector General (OIG) welcomes the New York University (NYU) Policing Project report assessing privacy concerns related to the SPD Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC). OIG has worked collaboratively with the NYU team to ensure the collective efforts of OIG and NYU provide a comprehensive approach to understanding the risks and benefits of the RTCC, and how meaningful oversight can best be achieved. The NYU findings and recommendations reinforce and further inform issues that OIG identified in its **first annual surveillance review**; risk of improper data sharing with outside agencies, unclear criteria for expansion of RTCC technologies, and the need to enforce privacy protections on integrated cameras.

OIG looks forward to working with the Seattle Police Department (SPD), the Mayor's Office, and other stakeholders on the implementation of recommendations from both the NYU and OIG. In 2027, OIG will continue to review SPD implementation of the technologies including monitoring of camera placement and masking, review of policy for private camera integration, and expanded analysis of how cameras are used. OIG will also continue working with academic researchers at the University of Pennsylvania Crime and Justice Lab to report on effectiveness of the RTCC pilot program including its resumed expansion to South of Downtown (SODO), Capitol Hill, and Central District.

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