



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-0093

Issued Date: 08/04/2015

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 5.160 (I.A.) Citizen Observation of Officers: Witnessing Stops, Detentions, Arrests and Other Police Actions – Officers shall recognize and obey the right of persons to observe, photograph ... in the presence of police officers performing their duties (Policy that was issued 06/06/08)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Inconclusive)
Final Discipline	N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

SPD employees were working during a demonstration.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that an unknown SPD employee threatened to arrest her for filming police activity.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint email
2. Interview of the complainant
3. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
4. Review of Body Worn Video

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Based on a thorough review of available video and other documentary evidence for this incident, OPA was unable to identify a specific event that correspond to the information provided in this complaint. No other viable investigative leads were identified that would allow the investigation to go forward.

FINDINGS

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The available evidence could not prove or disprove that an SPD employee attempted to stop the complainant from filming a demonstration. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Inconclusive) was issued for *Citizen Observation of Officers: Witnessing Stops, Detentions, Arrests and Other Police Actions – Officers shall recognize and obey the right of persons to observe, photograph ... in the presence of police officers performing their duties.*

NOTE: The Seattle Police Department Manual policies cited for the allegation(s) made for this OPA Investigation are policies that were in effect during the time of the incident. The issued date of the policy is listed.