



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-0126

Issued Date: 08/12/2015

<b>Named Employee #1</b>	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 5.001 (9) Professionalism (Policy that was issued 07/16/14)
OPA Finding	<b>Not Sustained</b> (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

The named employee attended a community meeting where community advocates thought that an arrest of a community member had been unlawfully made and was racially initiated. Based on the totality of circumstances and independent of the meeting, the City Attorney's office dismissed the charges against the community member.

#### **COMPLAINT**

The complainant alleged that a politician contacted the named employee to ask a "favor" to get charges dismissed against a subject and alleged that this is "corruption."

#### **INVESTIGATION**

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint email
2. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
3. Interview of Witnesses
4. Interviews of SPD employees

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

The evidence showed that the charges against the community member had been dropped by the City Attorney's office independent of any community meeting and had been based on the totality of circumstances. The named employee did not recommend or ask for the charges to be dropped.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Named Employee #1**

The weight of the evidence showed that the named employee did not try to influence the decision by the City Attorney's office in any manner. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Unfounded) was issued for *Professionalism*.

*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.*