



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-1464

Issued Date: 03/14/2016

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 16.090 (10) In Car Video System: Employees Will Turn Off the AM/FM Vehicle Radio During ICV Recordings (Policy that was issued 02/01/2015)
OPA Finding	<b>Sustained</b>
Final Discipline	Written Reprimand

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

The named employee responded to a reported assault call in a patrol vehicle.

#### **COMPLAINT**

The complainant, a supervisor within the Department, alleged that the named employee had his AM/FM radio on while his In-Car Video was activated.

#### **INVESTIGATION**

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint memo
2. Review of the In-Car Video (ICV)
3. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
4. Interview of SPD employees

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

The OPA investigation found that the named employee regularly drove a patrol vehicle that had an audio inhibitor system installed in it which would have muted the AM/FM radio when the In-Car Video system was activated. On the date of this incident, the named employee was operating a patrol vehicle that was not equipped with the audio inhibitor system. The named employee took responsibility for the failure to mute the AM/FM audio when the In-Car Video system was activated in the patrol car he was driving.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Named Employee #1**

#### Allegation #1

The evidence showed that the named employee failed to turn off the AM/FM radio in the patrol car he was driving. Therefore a **Sustained** finding was issued for *In Car Video System: Employees Will Turn Off the AM/FM Vehicle Radio During ICV Recordings*.

Discipline imposed: Written Reprimand

*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.*