



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2016-0292

Issued Date: 12/23/2016

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 16.090 (6) In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity (Policy that was issued February 1, 2015)
OPA Finding	<b>Not Sustained</b> (Training Referral)
Final Discipline	<b>N/A</b>

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

The Named Employee responded to a disturbance call.

#### **COMPLAINT**

The complainant, the Force Review Unit, alleged that the Named Employee did not activate In-Car Video (ICV) until after arriving at an incident.

#### **INVESTIGATION**

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

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

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

The complainant alleged the Named Employee did not activate his ICV when responding to a report of a disturbance. The Named Employee was dispatched to a call of a disturbance, and he thought he activated his ICV. When the Named Employee realized his ICV was not recording he immediately activated the system. The supervisor found the violation during a review of the use of force and counseled the Named Employee. This policy violation was not referred to OPA until nearly six months later when the use of force was finally reviewed by the Force Review Board. Given the delay in reporting the matter to OPA and the counseling already provided by the Named Employee's supervisor, the OPA Director recommended a finding of Not Sustained (Training Referral).

## **FINDINGS**

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#### Allegation #1

The ICV violation was handled by the supervisor. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Training Referral) was issued for *In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity*.

**Required Training:** The Named Employee's supervisor has already counseled him regarding the requirements of SPD Policy on In-Car Video Systems.

*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.*