



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2016-0308

Issued Date: 10/04/2016

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 8.200 (1) Using Force: Use of Force: When Authorized (Policy that was issued 09/01/15)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

Named Employee #2	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 8.200 (1) Using Force: Use of Force: When Authorized (Policy that was issued 09/01/15)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The Named Employees were dispatched to a “Standby to Assure the Peace” call.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that the Named Employees threw her the down stairs.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint
2. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
3. Review of In-Car Videos
4. Review of other video
5. Interviews of SPD employees

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The complainant alleged that Named Employee #1 and #2 threw her down the stairs after she had been arrested, handcuffed and was being led downstairs from her hotel room. The preponderance of the evidence from this investigation, including audio recordings from In-Car Video (ICV) and video from the hotel security system, show that Named Employee #1 and #2 used only *de minimis* force in the form of an escort hold to direct the complainant down the stairs after she had been arrested and handcuffed. The preponderance of the evidence from this investigation also refutes the complainant's allegation she was "thrown down the stairs" by the Named Employees.

FINDINGS

Named Employee #1 and #2

Allegation #1

The preponderance of the evidence from this investigation shows that the Named Employees used only *de minimis* force. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Unfounded) was issued for *Using Force: Use of Force: When Authorized*.

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.