



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2016-0495

Issued Date: 12/20/2016

<b>Named Employee #1</b>	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 5.001 (2) Standards and Duties: Employees Must Adhere to Laws, City Policy and Department (Policy that was issued April 1, 2016)
OPA Finding	<b>Not Sustained</b> (Unfounded)

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

The Unnamed Employee responded to an incident.

#### **COMPLAINT**

The Complainant alleged that an Unnamed Employee took cash from her purse, because he was the only one in the office. The Complainant also questioned whether the Unnamed Employee was "(setting) up someone that is mentally ill..."

#### **INVESTIGATION**

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

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

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

The complainant alleged that while investigating an incident, one of the officers took cash from her purse. Officers responded to a report of a felony assault. They investigated the assault and arrested the subject. The complainant alleged that an Unknown Employee walked out of the office where her purse was located. She later found that there was cash missing from her purse. The complainant believed the Unknown Employee took the cash, although she never saw him near her purse, did not witness him taking money from it, and was having difficulties with her vision. The complainant said the subject would never steal from her. All of the officers denied taking the money or having any knowledge of what may have happened to the complainant's cash. None of the officers known to have been at the scene fit the complainant's description of the officer she said she saw walking out of the office where her purse was located.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Named Employee #1**

#### Allegation #1

A preponderance of the evidence did not support the allegation that the Unnamed Employee took money from the complainant's purse. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Unfounded) was issued for *Standards and Duties: Employees Must Adhere to Laws, City Policy and Department*.

*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.*