



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2016-0666

Issued Date: 01/05/2017

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 March 1, 2016)
OPA Finding	Sustained
Final Discipline	No Discipline

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The Named Employee responded to a call of a burglary which ultimately resulted in a foot pursuit.

COMPLAINT

The complainant, a supervisor within the Department, alleged that the Named Employee violated SPD Policy on In-Car Video System.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

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

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The complainant alleged that the Named Employee responded back to the scene of a burglary where the suspect was reported to have returned. He did not activate his ICV when he responded or before he arrived as required by policy, despite having the time to do so. The Named Employee chased the suspect when he ran from the scene of the burglary. He realized some time later that he had not activated his ICV prior to responding to the call or when he arrived. The Named Employee immediately self-reported his policy violation to his supervisor.

FINDINGS

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Based on the lack of video and the Named Employee's admission that he forgot to activate his ICV, a **Sustained** finding was issued for *In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity*.

Discipline Imposed: No Discipline

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.