



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2016-1508

Issued Date: 06/26/2017

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	Not Sustained (Training Referral)
Final Discipline	N/A

Named Employee #2	
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	Not Sustained (Training Referral)
Final Discipline	N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The Named Employees transported three suspects involved in a robbery to the jail.

COMPLAINT

The complainant, a supervisor within the Department, alleged that the Named Employees did not activate the In-Car Video (ICV) system when they transported suspects to the jail.

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. Interviews of SPD employees

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Named Employee #1 and his partner, Named Employee #2, were tasked with transporting three suspects to jail. It was suggested they use a prisoner van to do so. Neither officer had experience using the van and both were unaware it was ICV-equipped. The installation of the ICV hardware in the van was different than was common in the patrol cars both Named Employee #1 and Named Employee #2 were familiar with. It was not until after the prisoner transport was complete that Named Employee #1 became aware of the presence of ICV equipment in the van. Named Employee #1 documented the lack of ICV as required and explained the reason why.

FINDINGS

Named Employees #1 and #2

Allegation #1

The evidence showed that the Named Employees would benefit from additional training. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Training Referral) was issued for *In-Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity*.

Required Training: Named Employees #1 and #2 should receive clear counseling from their supervisor regarding the importance of determining whether or not a SPD vehicle is ICV-equipped before using it so as to be able to record as required by policy.

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.