



January 16, 2024

Director Gino Betts, Jr.
Office of Police Accountability
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Dear Director Betts,

Please see the below Management Recommendation response

Case Numbers: 2022OPA-0126 / 2023COMP-0005

Topic: Unhandcuffing Screening

Summary of the Management Action: During a domestic violence investigation, officers handcuffed a subject while interviewing his partner. The subject was later unhandcuffed, and the named employee, a supervisor screened the detention.

Original Recommendation:

- SPD should revise Policy Manual 6.220-POL-2(8) to instruct the screening sergeant to:
 - Tell the subject the reasons for the detainment, why they were handcuffed and confirm their understanding.
 - Verify the subject's detention was consistent with SPD Policy
 - Inquire as to whether the subject experienced pain or injury.
 - Document and photograph observable injuries.

Action Taken:

SPD believes that this issue is better dealt with as a training issue rather than a policy revision. To that end, the Training Section has revised its current Supervisor Training to include not only the philosophical aspects of leadership, but also the technical requirements that go along with that. This will include discussions on both why we do what we do and what steps to take to achieve the desired outcomes.

SPD Considers this Management Action:

Decline

Please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Adrian Z. Diaz
Chief of Police