



Seattle

Police Department

9/15/2026

Director Bonnie Glenn
Office of Police Accountability
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Dear Director Glenn,

Please see the Management Recommendation response below:

Case Numbers:

- 2023OPA-0273 / 2026COMP-0001

Topic:

- Mandatory Reporting

Summary of the Management Action:

- It was alleged the Named Employee violated Washington's mandatory reporting law by not reporting alleged sexual abuse of their minor child by an older sibling.

Original Recommendation:

- SPD should revise SPD Policy 15.220 to explicitly state that law enforcement officers are mandatory reporters under RCW 26.44.030, regardless of the circumstances in which the law enforcement officer developed reasonable cause to believe there was abuse or neglect. The policy should specify the required manner and timeline for mandatory reporting.

Action Taken:

The Policy Unit has added language into the draft *SPD Policy 15.220 – Child Welfare* regarding law enforcement officers being mandatory reporters for child abuse and/or neglect and the timeline reporting requirements mandated by RCW 26.44.030. This revision is being processed through the normal workflow and is expected to be published in approximately 5 months.

Additionally, the Policy Unit has included language into policy SPD 17.100 – Domestic Violence Investigations effective 9/15/2026, regarding mandatory reporting for suspected child abuse or neglect and the accompanying RCW: *Sworn employees are mandatory reporters to contact Child Protective Services (CPS) to report suspected child abuse or neglect when required by RCW 26.44.030.*

SPD Considers this Management Action:

Partially Implemented

Please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andre Sayles".

Andre Sayles
Interim Chief of Police
Seattle Police Department