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Director Bonnie Glenn
Office of Police Accountability
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Dear Director Glenn,

Please see the Management Recommendation response below:

Case Numbers: 2024OPA-0372 / 2025COMP-0012

Topic: Adverse Credibility Rulings

Summary of the Management Action:

- A King County Superior Court Judge found Officer #1 made statements with “a reckless disregard for the truth” in a criminal matter. SPD Legal and the City Attorney’s Office contested the finding in both trial and appellate courts. OPA was not notified of the finding for nearly three years.

Original Recommendation:

- SPD should create a policy for managing and evaluating all adverse credibility rulings and require specific supervisory personnel to ensure such rulings are timely reported to OPA in every instance.
- In creating this policy, SPD should review the policies and procedures developed by other large-city police departments for managing adverse credibility rulings and consider incorporating formal retraining for any affected officer.

Action Taken:

SPD appreciates OPA’s thoughtfulness in reviewing this matter. SPD has spent significant time on better understanding the ways in which both primary prosecuting agencies review and apply Washington and Ninth Circuit standards on impeachment disclosures. Through extensive meetings and communications with representatives of both offices in the past few years, it appears the practices between the two prosecuting agencies are distinct, which makes a policy at this stage more difficult to set forth. However, we take these lists and the alleged conduct that it reflects seriously. SPD will work on setting forth a formal internal notification process such that officers are made aware of their inclusion, based off a practice we already have with the OPA, who informs us of certain information that will likely lead to inclusion. Because SPD does not control the lists, SPD has no control over such inclusion. When SPD receives notice, SPD Legal will serve as the primary communication conduit, issuing notification to the officer, Bureau Chief, Chief of Police. We do not receive updates from KCPAO or CAO and do defer to them on how that information is communicated as they maintain the lists, in accordance with their duties as prosecutors. We will continue to work in partnership with our prosecuting partner agencies on this issue and appreciate OPA’s review of this issue.



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SPD Considers this Management Action:

Respectfully Declined

Please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shon F. Barnes".

Shon F. Barnes Ph.D.

Chief of Police

Seattle Police Department