



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2014-0580

Issued Date: 06/02/2015

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 15.180 (1) Primary Investigations: Search for Evidence (Policy that was issued 05/21/14)
OPA Finding	Sustained
Final Discipline	2 day suspension without pay (under appeal)

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The named employee was working as the desk clerk at a precinct. The complainant had come into the precinct to report that she had been groped and had taken a photo of the suspect. The named employee did not secure a copy of the photo and wrote a report without mentioning the photo.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that the named employee did not want to take a digital photograph of the assault suspect that groped her as evidence.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint email
2. Interview of the complainant
3. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
4. Interviews of SPD employees

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The evidence showed that the named employee failed to conduct a thorough and complete search for evidence. The named employee should have secured a copy of the photo to include with the report she had written.

FINDINGS

Named Employee #1

Allegation #1

The evidence showed that the named employee failed to conduct a thorough and complete search for evidence. Therefore a **Sustained** finding was issued for *Primary Investigations: Search for Evidence*.

Discipline imposed: **2 day suspension without pay (under appeal)**

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.