OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY
Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-1035

Issued Date: 01/05/2016

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 16.090 (6) In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activities (Policy that was issued 02/01/2015)
OPA Finding	**Not Sustained** (Management Action)
Final Discipline	N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The named employee was one of several officers dispatched to a disturbance at a park. Officers arrived, located a female victim, and later arrested the suspect at a nearby location.

COMPLAINT

The complainant, the Force Review Board, alleged that the named employee did not have In-Car Video (ICV) for the incident.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint memo
2. Review of In-Car Video (ICV)
3. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
4. Interview of SPD employees

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The investigation showed that another officer's In Car Video (ICV) had captured the named employee at the incident. The named employee did not specifically remember responding to this incident but believed that he was dispatched and arrived on the scene for an "administrative" purpose, not to take any law enforcement action. The named employee stated that his understanding of the policy was that he was only required to record events when he was taking law enforcement action.

FINDINGS

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The evidence shows that the named employee was following the policy as he had been directed by a superior officer. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Management Action) was issued for *In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activities*.

The OPA Director's letter of Management Action recommendation to the Chief of Police is attached to this report.

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.