



CLOSED CASE SUMMARY

ISSUED DATE: JUNE 7, 2022

FROM: INTERIM DIRECTOR GRÁINNE PERKINS
OFFICE OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

CASE NUMBER: 2022OPA-0011

Allegations of Misconduct & Director's Findings

Named Employee #1

Allegation(s):		Director's Findings
# 1	5.001 - Standards and Duties 2. Employees Must Adhere to Laws, City Policy and Department Policy	Not Sustained - Unfounded

This Closed Case Summary (CCS) represents the opinion of the OPA Director regarding the misconduct alleged and therefore sections are written in the first person.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

It was alleged that during a November 2021 incident response, Unknown Employee(s) engaged in inappropriate physical contact with the Complainant while in a bathroom by tilting her head back and touching her on her chest and genital area.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Due to present OPA staff limitations, this is an abbreviated Director's Certification Memorandum. At the discretion of the OPA Director, an expanded Director's Certification Memorandum may be released at a later time.

This case was designated as an Expedited Investigation. This means that OPA, with the Office of Inspector General's review and approval, believed that it could reach and issue recommended findings based solely on its intake investigation and without interviewing the involved employees. As such, OPA did not interview the involved employees in this case.

During its review of this case, OIG identified a professionalism concern that was returned to the Chain of Command to be handled as a supervisor action

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS:

Following an expedited investigation that the Office of Inspector General certified as thorough, timely, and objective, OPA's analysis is that the preponderance of the evidence does not establish that the alleged policy violations against the Unknown Employee occurred or rose to the level of misconduct.



Named Employee #1 - Allegation #1

5.001 - Standards and Duties 2. Employees Must Adhere to Laws, City Policy and Department Policy

SPD Policy 5.001-POL-2 requires that employees adhere to laws, City policy, and Department policy.

A juvenile reported to a pediatric mental health specialist at Seattle Children's Hospital that an unknown Seattle Police officer entered a bathroom and touched her inappropriately by tilting her head back and touching her on her chest and genital area on November 26, 2021. These allegations were referred to SPD for a criminal investigation. SPD reviewed all Body Worn Video (BWV) from the incidents on November 26, 2021 and determined that no Seattle Police officer had any contact with the juvenile. OPA commenced its investigation.

OPA reviewed BWV from November 26, 2021 and confirmed that no Seattle Police officer had any physical contact with the juvenile during the two incidents that occurred that day. OPA identified an incident from November 19, 2021 in which two SPD officers entered a bathroom and took the juvenile into protective custody for involuntary treatment. This incident was captured by both officers' BWV. OPA analyzed the BWV of both officers which did not support the juvenile's allegations. OPA found no evidence to corroborate the juvenile's allegation.

Accordingly, OPA recommends that this allegation be Not Sustained – Unfounded.

Recommended Finding: **Not Sustained - Unfounded**