



CLOSED CASE SUMMARY

ISSUED DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

FROM: INTERIM DEPUTY DIRECTOR NELSON R. LEESE (ON BEHALF OF INTERIM DIRECTOR BONNIE GLENN)
OFFICE OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

CASE NUMBER: 2025OPA-0119

Allegations of Misconduct & Director's Findings

Named Employee #1

| Allegation(s): | | Director's Findings |
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| # 1 | 12.050 – Criminal Justice Information Systems, 12.050-POL-2. Inquiries Through ACCESS, or Any Other Criminal Justice Record System, Are Only to Be Made for Legitimate Law Enforcement Purposes | Not Sustained - Unfounded (Expedited) |

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:

The anonymous Complainant stated they filed a report with the Murrieta Police Department (MPD) in Murietta, California, regarding Community Member #1's (CM#1) alleged trespass on a property subject to litigation. The Complainant claimed that CM#1 photographed a recreational vehicle (RV), which was on situated on the property, and shared the image with Named Employee #1 (NE#1). The Complainant alleged that NE#1 improperly ran the RV's license plate and possibly another vehicle's license plate in a criminal justice database.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

This case was approved for Expedited Investigation. That means OPA, with the Office of Inspector General's (OIG) agreement, believed it could issue a recommended finding based solely on its intake investigation without interviewing the named employee. As such, OPA did not interview the named employee in this case.

On May 1, 2025, OIG certified OPA's investigation as thorough, timely, and objective.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION:

OPA's investigation included reviewing the OPA complaint, MPD call for service reports, mobile data terminal (MDT) and computer-aided dispatch (CAD) records, query log, and interview statements from the Complainant and his niece. Based on these records, OPA finds the following have occurred.

On April 4, 2025, the Complainant contacted MPD to report that CM#1 entered a property subject to litigation, photographed an RV's license plate, and left. MPD concluded that no crime occurred. The Complainant told OPA that NE#1 was involved in the property dispute and alleged that CM#1 photographed the RV's license plate on NE#1's behalf, enabling NE#1 to run its license plate. The Complainant also expressed concern about his personal vehicle's license plate being run by NE#1.



ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS:

Named Employee #1 – Allegation #1

12.050 – Criminal Justice Information Systems, 12.050-POL-2. Inquiries Through ACCESS, or Any Other Criminal Justice Record System, Are Only to Be Made for Legitimate Law Enforcement Purposes

The Complainant alleged that NE#1 improperly accessed criminal justice records by running two license plates.

Inquiries through ACCESS, or any other criminal justice record system, must be made only for legitimate law enforcement purposes. SPD Policy 12.050-POL-2. Inquiries for personal or inappropriate use or disseminating the information can result in internal discipline, as well as penalties under federal and state law. *Id.*

This allegation is unfounded. A review of SPD's internal records, including MDT and CAD, and SPD queries showed no searches conducted by NE#1. This means NE#1 did not run either license plate through any SPD criminal justice database. OPA also broadened the parameters by reviewing all database searches conducted by NE#1 during the relevant timeframe and found no queries involving California license plates.

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

Recommended Finding: **Not Sustained – Unfounded (Expedited)**