



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2016-1520

Issued Date: 06/20/2017

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 5.140 (2) Bias-Free Policing: Officers Will Not Engage in Bias Based Policing (Policy that was issued August 1, 2015)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

Named Employee #2	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 5.140 (2) Bias-Free Policing: Officers Will Not Engage in Bias Based Policing (Policy that was issued August 1, 2015)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

Named Employee #3	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual 5.140 (2) Bias-Free Policing: Officers Will Not Engage in Bias Based Policing</u> (Policy that was issued August 1, 2015)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

Named Employee #4	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual 5.140 (2) Bias-Free Policing: Officers Will Not Engage in Bias Based Policing</u> (Policy that was issued August 1, 2015)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

Named Employee #5	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual 5.140 (2) Bias-Free Policing: Officers Will Not Engage in Bias Based Policing</u> (Policy that was issued August 1, 2015)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The Named Employees were clearing a call for service regarding a medical emergency, and as they were returning to their patrol units, they were summoned by witnesses to an assault that had occurred nearby. After verifying that an assault had taken place, the Named Employees detained the suspects.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that the Named Employees engaged in bias policing when he was arrested pursuant to an assault investigation in which the other party was Asian and the complainant was black.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint memo
2. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
3. Review of In-Car Videos
4. Interviews of SPD employees

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The OPA investigation found no evidence to support the complainant's allegation that the involved officers chose to arrest him because they were biased against him due to the complainant's race and biased in favor of the victim because of the victim's race.

FINDINGS

Named Employees #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5

Allegation #1

The OPA investigation found no evidence to support the complainant's allegation. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Unfounded) was issued for *Bias-Free Policing: Officers Will Not Engage in Bias Based Policing*.

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.