



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2014-0468

Issued Date: 03/05/2015

<b>Named Employee #1</b>	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 6.220 (III) Stops, Detentions & Arrests (Policy that was issued 11/05/07)
OPA Finding	<b>Not Sustained</b> (Lawful & Proper)
Final Discipline	N/A

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

The named employee was one of several officers responding to a 911 call of a fight disturbance where a firearm had been used. A victim in the disturbance pointed out a vehicle that may have been involved in the disturbance. Officers stopped the vehicle which had five passengers in it, including the subject. The subject gave false information about her identity and the officers were trying to ascertain her true identity. The subject attempted to leave but the named employee told her that she was not free to leave. The subject again tried to leave and the named employee arrested her.

#### **COMPLAINT**

The complainant, a supervisor within the department, alleged that the named employee may not have had a lawful basis for continued detention of and ultimate arrest of the subject.

## **INVESTIGATION**

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint memo
2. Review of In-Car Videos
3. Review by the Force Review Board
4. Interviews of SPD employees

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

The evidence supports that the named employee's actions were consistent with department policy in effect at the time and with the Seattle Municipal Code regarding False Reporting. The named employee detained the subject in an effort to confirm her identity. When the subject got up to leave, the investigation of the fight disturbance had not yet been completed and further detainment of the subject was within department policy.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Named Employee #1**

The weight of the evidence showed that the named employee's actions were consistent with department policy; therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Lawful & Proper) was issued for *Stops, Detentions & Arrests*.

*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.*