



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-0599

Issued Date: 10/22/2015

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 16.090 (4) In-Car Video System: Employees Will Record Enforcement Activity (Policy that was issued 11/21/2012)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The named employee was one of several officers that had been dispatched to a call for service involving a man armed with a knife.

COMPLAINT

The complainant, the Force Review Board, alleged that the named employee did not use his In-Car Video (ICV) during this force related 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 evidence showed that the named employee responded to the scene while the disturbance and arrest was in progress. He parked his patrol vehicle a short distance away and arrived at the scene on foot. It was determined that the named employee had parked his vehicle in a manner not to block the Streetcar line which prevented the camera from capturing the officers interacting with the subject. As the named employee advanced forward to assist the other officers, his microphone was out of range therefore no audio was captured.

FINDINGS

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The evidence supports that the named employee used his In-Car Video system but it did not capture the incident. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Unfounded) was issued for *In-Car Video System: Employees Will Record Enforcement Activity*.

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.