



To: Andrew Myerberg, OPA Director
CC: Mark Grba and Grainne Perkins, OPA Assistant Directors
From: Lynn Erickson, OIG Public Safety Auditor/Investigator
Date: March 15, 2021
Re: 2021OPA-0090

CERTIFICATION:

OIG has reviewed the Expedited Investigation for the bias based policing allegation in 2021OPA-0090.

This case involves an allegation that two officers “stereotyped” the arrestee as a drug dealer based on his race, resulting in the adverse action of his money being seized. During the arrest, both officers made statements to the arrestee that are relevant to this allegation, but which were not captured in OPA’s case summary. That evidence includes multiple statements to the arrestee to the effect of “It looks like you’re dealing out here” and asking the arrestee more than once “Can you get us an 8 ball tonight?”

This investigation is being certified as timely, thorough, and objective but OIG suggests that for future certification requests, OPA ensures that all evidence that is directly relevant to the allegation being investigated is captured in the report or case summary.

Thank you,



Lynn Erickson