

To: Gráinne Perkins, Interim OPA Director

CC: Dane Rohrer, OPA Investigations Supervisor

From: Nicolette Lattanzio, OIG Public Safety Audit and Investigation Specialist

Date: July 27, 2022

Re: Partial Certification Memo for Case Number: 2019OPA-0382

Partial Certification Memo

OIG has reviewed the investigation for case number <u>2019OPA-0382</u>. OIG can certify this case as objective and thorough, but this case cannot be certified as timely.

Under section 3.29.260 (B) of Seattle's Accountability Ordinance, initial investigations shall be submitted, "to OIG for OIG's review sufficiently in advance of investigation deadlines in order to allow the deadlines to be met in the event OIG directs additional investigation."

In this case, <u>2019OPA-0382</u> was submitted to OIG for initial review on 7/13/22, while the 180-day investigation period expired on 3/12/21. Accordingly, this case cannot be certified as timely.

OIG also notes that, while the NE made himself available for an 10/27/20 interview, it was cancelled by OPA. Unfortunately, a follow up interview request was not made until 1/21/21, at which point, circumstances changed, NE became unavailable, remaining so until OPA received notice of NE's 3/16/21 separation from SPD, followed by his 5/11/22 decline to interview. This is a disappointing and noteworthy outcome, as an interview with the NE would have likely served the public's interest.

Respectfully,

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