



Seattle Office of Inspector General

To: Gráinne Perkins, Interim OPA Director
CC: Nelson Leese, Interim OPA Assistant Director of Investigations and Legal Affairs
From: Nicolette Lattanzio, OIG Public Safety Audit and Investigation Specialist
Date: June 7, 2022
Re: Partial Certification Memo for Case Number: 2021OPA-0508

Partial Certification Memo

OIG has reviewed the investigation for case number 2021OPA-0508. OIG can certify this case as objective. However, this investigation cannot be certified as timely or thorough.

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, 2021OPA-0508 was submitted to OIG for initial review on June 3, 2022, just four days before the expiration of the 180- day investigation period on June 7, 2022. Accordingly, this investigation cannot be certified as timely.

Related to this issue, the interview for the only community member/witness is inaudible. The OPA investigator confirmed that it is not an uploading glitch, the audio file itself is inaudible. Under normal circumstances, OIG could request OPA conduct this interview again. Although in this case, because the 180- day investigation period ends today, this is not possible. As such, this investigation also cannot be certified as thorough.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicolette Lattanzio".

Nicolette Lattanzio, OIG Public Safety and Investigation Specialist