



Seattle Office of Inspector General

To: Gino Betts, OPA Director
CC: Kirsten Arrowood, OPA Investigations Supervisor
From: Nicolette Lattanzio, OIG Public Safety Audit and Investigation Specialist
Date: October 5, 2022
Re: OIG EXP INV Partial Certification for Case Number: 2022OPA-0265

OIG EXP INV Certification Memo

OIG has reviewed the EXP INV for case number 2022OPA-0265. The investigation is certified as thorough and objective. This case cannot be certified as timely.

Under Article 3.6 (A) of the SPOG CBA, "OPA shall notify the named employee of the receipt of a complaint, including the basic details of the complaint, within five (5) business days after receipt of the complaint by OPA."

In this case, the 5-day notice for NE2 was due to be sent by August 26, 2022. It was sent October 4, 2022. This untimeliness, which according to SPOG, is taken into consideration in cases where discipline is being considered, is not certifiable by OIG.

Too, while OIG appreciates the repeated corrections OPA has made to complete this case, it is necessary to mention that such repeated errors pushed the bounds of a case being considered acceptably thorough. OIG understands the current transitions at OPA, and the learning curve such transitions entail. Accordingly, OIG is certifying this case as thorough, although in the future, cases presented with such errors will likely not result in a similar outcome.

Respectfully,

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

Nicolette Lattanzio, OIG Public Safety and Investigation Specialist