



Seattle Office of Inspector General

To: Gino Betts, OPA Director
CC: Dan Okada, OPA Assistant Director of Investigations
From: Nicolette Lattanzio, OIG Public Safety Audit and Investigation Specialist
Date: June 2, 2023
Re: OIG Partial Certification Memo for Case Number: 2021OPA-0393

OIG Certification Memo

OIG has reviewed the investigation for case number 2021OPA-0393. The investigation is certified as thorough, and objective, but it cannot be certified as timely.

Under 3.29.130(B) of Ordinance 125315, the time period in which investigations must be completed by OPA is 180 days and the time period begins on the date OPA initiates or receives a complaint. Here, the original complaint was emailed to OPA on March 25, 2021. Although, based on review, it appears the case work was not initiated until the complainant followed up on the complaint in August of 2021.

Too, because this case tolled for litigation, the 180-day investigatory period ended on November 6, 2022. Although it was not routed to OIG for certification until May 22, 2023.

For these reasons, this case can be certified as thorough and objective, but it cannot be certified as timely.

Respectfully,

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

Nicolette Lattanzio, OIG Public Safety and Investigation Specialist