



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-0230

Issued Date: 08/24/2015

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 8.300 (1) Use of Force Reporting: Officers Shall Report All Uses of Force Except De Minimis Force (Policy that was issued 01/01/14)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Seattle Police Department officers had stopped a suspect vehicle and the driver had run away from the officers. Other vehicles were in the area as this incident occurred on a side street to a busy arterial.

COMPLAINT

The complainant, who was in a nearby vehicle when this incident occurred, alleged that the named employee pointed his weapon at her and told her to “put her hands up.”

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint phone call
2. Interview of the complainant
3. Review of In-Car Video
4. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
5. Interviews of SPD employees

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The evidence showed that the complainant was already in the area when the driver of the suspect vehicle pulled over adjacent to her vehicle. The officer who had pulled the suspect vehicle over conducted a records check on the driver and passenger and a weapons hazard flag and a possible warrant were identified. As events unfolded additional units and officers responded to the location. The interaction between the named employee and the complainant was captured on several In-Car Videos. The evidence shows that the named employee did have his gun withdrawn from his holster but he was not pointing it at the complainant.

FINDINGS

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The weight of the evidence showed that the named employee did not point his weapon at the complainant. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Unfounded) was issued for *Use of Force Reporting: Officers Shall Report All Uses of Force Except De Minimis Force*.

NOTE: The Seattle Police Department Manual policies cited for the allegation(s) made for this OPA Investigation are policies that were in effect during the time of the incident. The issued date of the policy is listed.