



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-1263

Issued Date: 12/15/2015

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 8.100 (1) Use of Force: When Authorized (Policy that was issued 01/01/2014)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

Named Employee #2	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 8.100 (1) Use of Force: When Authorized (Policy that was issued 01/01/2014)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The named employees were dispatched to a call prowl. The named employees attempted to stop the complainant as he matched the description of the car prowl suspect. The complainant ran from the named employees. The named employees caught up to the complainant and arrested him.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that the named employees used excessive force during his arrest, which resulted in injury to his wrist and knee. The complainant added that one of the officers had put him into a submission hold.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint memo
2. Interview of complainant
3. Review of In-Car Video (ICV)
4. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
5. Interview of SPD employees

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The complainant was lawfully arrested. During the arrest, force was applied. During the Sergeant's use of force investigation, the complainant reported excessive force was used during his arrest that resulted in injuries. The OPA investigation confirmed that this incident was captured on In-Car Video. There is no evidence which supports the version of events offered by the complainant.

FINDINGS

Named Employee #1 and #2

Allegation #1

The evidence supports that the named employee used force that was reasonable, necessary and proportionate to take the complainant into custody. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Unfounded) was issued for *Use of Force: When Authorized*.

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.