



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-1806

Issued Date: 06/09/2016

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 16.090 (6) In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity (Policy that was issued 02/01/2015)
OPA Finding	<b>Sustained</b>
Final Discipline	Oral Reprimand

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

Multiple officers were dispatched to a call for service that involved a person in crisis. The male subject reportedly escaped from the psychiatric ward of a hospital, and had trespassed onto neighboring properties before eventually barricading himself inside a residence. The incident went on for several hours before the subject was taken into custody.

#### **COMPLAINT**

The complainant, the Firearms Review Board, alleged that the Named Employee violated department policy by deactivating In Car Video before arriving at the scene of an incident.

## **INVESTIGATION**

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

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

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

During his OPA interview, the Named Employee explained that his role was to be on containment once he arrived on scene. He did not know why his In-Car Video (ICV) had been shut off. He said that he knew he was supposed to record his response to the incident. The Named Employee believed he was recording with the ICV while he was responding to the incident and while he was on scene. He had no explanation for why his ICV had been shut off. The OPA review of the ICV logs showed that the "Stop button" was pressed.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Named Employee #1**

#### Allegation #1

The evidence supports that the Named Employee violated the policy. Therefore a **Sustained** finding was issued for *In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity*.

**Discipline imposed:** Oral Reprimand

*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.*