



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2016-0629

Issued Date: 01/03/2017

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 16.090 (8) In Car Video System: Employees will record police activity (Policy that was issued February 1, 2015)
OPA Finding	<b>Sustained</b>
Final Discipline	Written Reprimand

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

The Named Employee was at the scene of an incident to assist officers.

#### **COMPLAINT**

The complainant, the Force Review Board, alleged that the Named Employee possibly violated SPD Policy for In-Car Video (ICV).

#### **INVESTIGATION**

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

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

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

The complainant alleged the Named Employee turned off the ICV prior to the conclusion of the incident in violation of the SPD Manual section on ICV recordings. The Named Employee responded to a report of a carjacking where officers used force to take the subject into custody, and he had his ICV running during the entire incident. After he was finished at the scene he responded to an accident a short distance down the street from him; he kept his ICV running while he went from one scene to the other. While at the accident scene he shut off his ICV nine minutes prior to leaving in violation of the SPD Manual section on ICV recordings. In his interview the Named Employee stated that he was finished with his part in the investigation and getting ready to return to the precinct so he shut off his ICV. Another supervisor on the scene stated that the Named Employee continued to be an active part of the investigation including calling the follow-up unit and discussing the use of force with her. Because he shut off his ICV he failed to audio and video record police activity as required by policy.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Named Employee #1**

#### Allegation #1

The preponderance of the evidence showed that the Named Employee failed to audio and video record police activity as required. Therefore a **Sustained** finding was issued for *In Car Video System: Employees will record police activity*.

Discipline imposed: Written 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.*