



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2016-0664

Issued Date: 01/03/2017

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 March 1, 2016)
OPA Finding	Sustained
Final Discipline	Written Reprimand

Named Employee #2	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 16.090 (6) In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity (Policy that was issued March 1, 2016)
OPA Finding	Sustained
Final Discipline	Oral Reprimand

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The Office of Professional Accountability (OPA) was investigating a different case when the investigator was unable to locate In-Car Video (ICV) for Named Employee #1 and could only locate partial ICV for Named Employee #2.

COMPLAINT

The complainant, the Office of Professional Accountability, alleged that the Named Employees violated SPD policy when they failed to properly activate ICV at an investigation scene.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of a separate OPA investigation
2. Review of In-Car Videos (ICV)
3. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
4. Interviews of SPD employees

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

While investigating an allegation in a different complaint case, the OPA Investigator discovered there was no ICV for Named Employee #1 and only partial ICV for Named Employee #2. Named Employee #1 responded to the scene of a rape investigation and did not activate his ICV at any point during his involvement in the call. During his interview Named Employee #1 stated he had just forgotten to turn on his ICV. Named Employee #2, a supervisor, responded to the scene of an investigation to speak with the investigating officers. Named Employee #2 told OPA she thought she had activated the ICV system when she got out of the patrol car. When she returned to her vehicle, she discovered the ICV had not activated. Named Employee #2 immediately started the ICV when she discovered it was not on and then turned it off while she was leaving the scene. This failure to activate the ICV was inadvertent.

FINDINGS

Named Employee #1

Allegation #1

Based on the lack of ICV and Named Employee #1's admission, a **Sustained** finding was issued for *In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity*.

Discipline Imposed: Written Reprimand

Named Employee #2

Allegation #1

Based on the lack of ICV and Named Employee #2's admission, 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.