



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2016-1406

Issued Date: 06/16/2017

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual 5.140 (2) Bias-Free Policing: Officers Will Not Engage in Bias Based Policing</u> (Policy that was issued August 1, 2015)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Inconclusive)
Final Discipline	N/A

Named Employee #2	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual 5.140 (2) Bias-Free Policing: Officers Will Not Engage in Bias Based Policing</u> (Policy that was issued August 1, 2015)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Inconclusive)
Final Discipline	N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The Named Employees were on foot patrol and logged into a fight disturbance at the location and time of the complainant's theft.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that two Unknown SPD Officer engaged in bias-based policing by telling the complainant and his friend, who had just had his phone stolen, that they couldn't do anything about the theft because the suspects were Black, and that the friend should be able to afford a new phone because he's Indian. OPA conducted a GPS search and determined the Named Employees were the only unit on foot patrol and logged into a fight disturbance at the location and time of the complainant's theft.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Interview of the complainant
2. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
3. Interviews of SPD employees

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

There was not a preponderance of evidence to either prove or disprove the complainant's allegation that two SPD officers made racist comments to him. The complainant did not obtain the names of the officers he spoke with and the two officers who were known to be in the area at the time of the reported interaction told OPA they did not recall any contact with the complainant. No other evidence to either support or refute the allegation was discovered during the OPA investigation.

FINDINGS

Named Employees #1 and #2

Allegation #1

There was not a preponderance of the evidence either supporting or refuting the allegation. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Inconclusive) was issued for *Bias-Free Policing: Officers Will Not Engage in Bias Based Policing*.

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.