



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2017-0012

Issued Date: 06/20/2017

Named Employees #1 and #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	<b>Not Sustained</b> (Training Referral)
Final Discipline	N/A

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

While reviewing In-Car Video (ICV) for a separate OPA complaint, the Office of Professional Accountability was unable to locate ICV for the Named Employees who were on scene for the incident.

#### **COMPLAINT**

The complainant, the Office of Professional Accountability, alleged the Named Employees may have been in possible violation of SPD policy regarding recording police activities.

## **INVESTIGATION**

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

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

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

Named Employee #1 was one of two officers added to an already existing two-officer team. This meant there were four officers in one police car. The ICV system installed in that police car only allowed for two officers to “synch” or connect their wireless microphones to the system. This meant that Named Employee #1 and the fourth officer in the police car were unable to connect their wireless microphones to the ICV system in that car.

Named Employee #2 was one of two officers added to an already existing two-officer team. This meant there were four officers in one police car. The ICV system installed in that police car only allowed for two officers to “synch” or connect their wireless microphones to the system. This meant that Named Employee #2 and the fourth officer in the police car were unable to connect their wireless microphones to the ICV system in that car.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Named Employees #1 and #2**

#### Allegation #1

A preponderance of the evidence showed that the Named Employees were unable to connect their wireless microphones to the ICV system in the car. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Unfounded) was issued for *In-Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity*.

*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.*