



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-0084

Issued Date: 07/30/2015

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 6.240 Use of Force (Policy that was issued 03/26/10)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Unfounded)
Final Discipline	N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The named employee was dispatched to call of a minor theft at a restaurant. He and two other officers responded and found an intoxicated person in crisis at the restaurant. The complainant was brought outside of the restaurant and was placed in front of the patrol car, in full view of the In-Car Video. The officers invested significant time with the complainant while trying to determine an appropriate resolution to the situation. The two other officers left responding to a felony crime that had just occurred nearby. The name employee determined that there was no viable alternative and placed the complainant under arrest. The named employee transported the complainant to the precinct and about an hour later, transported the complainant to the jail.

COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged after she was arrested that the named employee, who transported her to a precinct, assaulted her by hitting her on the right side of her torso and back and then stomped on her foot. She stated that she was not taken into the precinct but was placed immediately into another vehicle where she was transported to jail.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Interview of the complainant
2. Review of In-Car Video
3. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
4. Interviews of SPD employees

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Reviewing the evidence, including the In-Car Video, showed that there was no activity documented that was consistent with the allegation. The sergeant that screened the arrest attempted to interview the complainant but she was uncooperative. The complainant appeared to be intoxicated and in crisis during the incident. The complainant's arrest and transport were captured by In-Car Video.

FINDINGS

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Allegation #1

The evidence showed that there was no force used by the named employee. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Unfounded) was issued for *Use of Force*.

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.