



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-0478

Issued Date: 10/14/2015

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 16.090 (6) Employees Will Record Police Activity (Policy that was issued 07/16/2014)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Training Referral)
Final Discipline	N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The named employee was on patrol. It had been reported by a grocery store that people were sleeping in their cars behind the store. The named employee checked the vehicles parked behind the store and found a man sleeping in his vehicle. After telling the man that he could not sleep in his car behind the store, the named employee returned to his patrol car.

COMPLAINT

The complainant, a supervisor within the Department, alleged that the named employee did not turn on his In-Car Video when taking law enforcement action.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

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

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The evidence showed that the named employee did not activate his In-Car Video (ICV). The named employee felt he was just checking on a suspicious vehicle and did not expect any real enforcement. The sergeant documented in PAS the counseling given to the named employee regarding this incident.

FINDINGS

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The evidence supports that the named. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Training Referral) was issued for *Employees Will Record Police Activity*.

The record shows that the supervisor counseled the named employee regarding the need to activate the ICV and made a PAS entry at the time. The named employee's current supervisor should check back with him and make certain he is now complying with the requirements of the ICV policy.

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.