



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-0815

Issued Date: 12/23/2015

<b>Named Employee #1</b>	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 5.001 (9) Employees Shall Strive to be Professional at all Times (Policy that was issued 04/01/2014)
OPA Finding	<b>Not Sustained</b> (Inconclusive)
Final Discipline	N/A

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

The named employee issued a parking citation for a vehicle that was parked too close to an alley. The driver of the vehicle, the complainant, noticed he had received a citation and spoke to the named employee.

#### **COMPLAINT**

The complainant alleged that the named employee was confrontational and threatened to write him another citation if he did not move the vehicle immediately. The complainant further alleged that he believed that the named employee was attempting to provoke a physical challenge between them.

#### **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. Interview of SPD employee

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

The evidence showed that there was a citation issued for the complainant's vehicle being parked too close to an alley. The complainant admitted to OPA that he was technically illegally parked but did not feel that he should have gotten the citation because the alley was not open to vehicular traffic. Both the named employee and the complainant claim that the other party was confrontational and provided similar but differing perspectives on what transpired. OPA did not identify any witnesses or video to corroborate either version of the event.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Named Employee #1**

#### Allegation #1

The evidence could not prove or disprove that the named employee was unprofessional. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Inconclusive) was issued for *Employees Shall Strive to be Professional at all Times*.

*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.*