



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-0877

Issued Date: 11/02/2015

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 16.090 (6) In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity (Policy that was issued 07/16/2014)
OPA Finding	Sustained
Final Discipline	Written Reprimand

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The named employee was on patrol and witnessed a possible car prowling and interacted with the victim.

COMPLAINT

The complainant, a supervisor within the Department, alleged that the named employee did not capture any In-Car Video (ICV) for his car prowling investigation.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

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

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The investigation demonstrated that there was no record of In-Car Video (ICV) for the interaction the named employee had with the victim of the car prowling. The named employee stated that the victim walked up to his patrol car in a parking garage regarding the incident. As the victim's car was parked on another floor, he walked with the victim to investigate. He did not activate his ICV to record the collection of information required to complete the Theft/Car Prowl Report.

FINDINGS

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The evidence showed that the named employee failed to activate his In-Car Video as required by policy. Therefore a **Sustained** finding was issued for *In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity*.

Discipline imposed: Written Reprimand

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.