



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-1390

Issued Date: 02/12/2016

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 12.050 (7) Criminal Justice Information Systems: Employees Shall Not Discuss or Provide Information to Any Person Who Is Not a Member of the Criminal Justice System without Permission of the Chief of Police or By Due Process of Law (Policy that was issued 04/01/2015)
OPA Finding	Not Sustained (Inconclusive)
Final Discipline	N/A

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The media contacted a victim whose information was not to be released from a police report.

COMPLAINT

The complainant, an SPD employee, alleged that an unknown employee released an unauthorized copy of a police report to the media.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

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

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The OPA investigation carefully reviewed the documentation available and identified the persons who created and viewed the electronic police report using existing audit tracking methods. OPA interviewed several employees who had accessed the report. OPA questioned the news media outlet however no information was provided to OPA to identify the source of the confidential victim information. There was insufficient evidence to identify a named employee in this case.

FINDINGS

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Allegation #1

There was insufficient evidence to identify a named employee in this case. Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Inconclusive) was issued for *Criminal Justice Information Systems: Employees Shall Not Discuss or Provide Information to Any Person Who Is Not a Member of the Criminal Justice System without Permission of the Chief of Police or By Due Process of Law.*

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.