



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number 2016OPA-1274

Issued Date: 08/23/2017

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 8.200 (1) Using Force: Use of Force: When Authorized (Policy that was issued September 1, 2015)
OPA Finding	<b>Not Sustained</b> (Lawful and Proper)
Final Discipline	N/A

Named Employee #2	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 8.200 (1) Using Force: Use of Force: When Authorized (Policy that was issued September 1, 2015)
OPA Finding	<b>Not Sustained</b> (Lawful and Proper)
Final Discipline	N/A

Named Employee #3	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 8.200 (1) Using Force: Use of Force: When Authorized (Policy that was issued September 1, 2015)
OPA Finding	<b>Not Sustained</b> (Lawful and Proper)
Final Discipline	N/A

## **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

The Named Employees arrested the complainant.

## **COMPLAINT**

The complainant alleged that the Named employees "abused" and "beat" her while placing her under arrest.

## **INVESTIGATION**

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint memo
2. Review of In-Car Videos (ICV)
3. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
4. Interviews of SPD employees

## **ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION**

The complainant alleged that Named Employee #1 "abused and beat" her and that she was smothered into the ground by officers. The complainant was arrested by the three Named Employees. She attempted to escape by running into a store but was captured by officers. The entire arrest was captured on private video. During the arrest the complainant tried to hold onto the door frame then actively resisted arrest. The officers used force to pry her fingers from the doorjamb and place her on the ground. They used body weight to maintain control of her while placing her into handcuffs. After the arrest the complainant alleged she was abused and beat during the arrest and that her head was pushed into the ground. She later recanted the claim that she had her head pushed into the ground. Officer statements were consistent with the video evidence which showed only minimal force used during the arrest. The complainant did not participate in this investigation.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Named Employees #1, #2, and #3**

#### **Allegation #1**

A preponderance of the evidence showed that only minimal force used during the arrest.

Therefore a finding of **Not Sustained** (Lawful and Proper) was issued for *Using Force: Use of Force: When Authorized*.

*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.*