



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2015-1752

Issued Date: 05/02/2016

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 8.400 (3) Use of Force Reporting and Investigation: The Sergeant Will Review the Incident and Do One of the Following (Policy that was issued 09/01/2015)
OPA Finding	Sustained
Final Discipline	Oral Reprimand

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The Named Employee responded to review or screen the arrest of a subject by the primary officer. During the arrest screening, the subject made a complaint regarding the handcuffs.

COMPLAINT

The complainant, a supervisor within the Department, alleged that the Named Employee did not complete a use of force investigation after the subject made an allegation of being injured during the handcuffing process.

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. Review of In-Car Video (ICV)
4. Interview of SPD employee

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The OPA investigation determined that the Named Employee was the screening supervisor for the arrest of the subject. That arrest was conducted with In-Car Video (ICV) recording and the subject can be heard indicating that the handcuffs were causing pain. In his OPA interview, the Named Employee stated that he is aware of the policy requiring a use of force report be completed when a handcuffed individual complains of pain. The Named Employee said that in hindsight he should have order the completion of the force investigation.

FINDINGS

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The evidence supports that the Named Employee violated the policy and did not complete a use of force investigation. Therefore a **Sustained** finding was issued for *Use of Force Reporting and Investigation: The Sergeant Will Review the Incident and Do One of the Following*.

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.