



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2016-0396

Issued Date: 10/26/2016

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 16.090 (6) In-Car Video System: Using the In-Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity (Policy that was issued February 1, 2015)
OPA Finding	<b>Sustained</b>
Final Discipline	Written Reprimand

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

The Named Employee was dispatched to a 911 call for a domestic violence disturbance.

#### **COMPLAINT**

The complainant, the Force Review Board, alleged the Named Employee responded to an event but failed to activate his vehicle's In-Car Video (ICV) before arriving.

#### **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 preponderance of the evidence from this investigation showed the Named Employee failed to start the record function of his in-car video (ICV) when he was dispatched to a 911 call. He activated the ICV record function after he had arrived on scene, parked and exited his police car and was walking away from his police car. No mechanical or other reason was found that prevented the Named Employee from beginning to record immediately after he was dispatched as required by policy.

## **FINDINGS**

### **Named Employee #1**

#### Allegation #1

The evidence supported that Named Employee #1 violated the policy. Therefore a finding of **Sustained** was issued for *In-Car Video System: Using the 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.*