



# Seattle Office of Inspector General

**To:** Gino Betts, OPA Director  
**CC:** Dan Okada, OPA Assistant Director of Investigations  
**From:** Nicolette Lattanzio, OIG Public Safety Audit and Investigation Specialist  
**Date:** March 31, 2023  
**Re:** Partial Certification Memo for Case Number: 2022OPA-0327

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## Partial Certification Memo

OIG has reviewed the investigation for case number 2022OPA-0327. While OIG can certify this case as thorough and objective, it cannot be certified as timely.

Under section 3.29.260 (B) of Seattle's Accountability Ordinance, initial investigations shall be submitted, "to OIG for OIG's review sufficiently in advance of investigation deadlines in order to allow the deadlines to be met in the event OIG directs additional investigation."

This case was submitted to OIG for initial review on March 29, 2023, just seven days before the expiration of the 180- day investigation period on April 4, 2022. This untimeliness is not certifiable by OIG.

Additionally, under Article 3.6 (A) of the SPOG CBA, "OPA shall notify the named employee of the receipt of a complaint, including the basic details of the complaint, within five (5) business days after receipt of the complaint by OPA."

In this case, the 5-day notice for NE #6845 was due to be sent by October 14, 2022. It was not sent until November 1, 2022, 12 business days beyond the CBA requirement. This untimeliness, which according to SPOG, is taken into consideration in cases where discipline is being considered, is also not certifiable by OIG.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicolette Lattanzio".

Nicolette Lattanzio, OIG Public Safety and Investigation Specialist