



Seattle Office of Inspector General

To: Gino Betts, OPA Director
CC: Mary Opler, OPA Investigations Supervisor
From: Matthias Gydé, OIG Investigations Supervisor
Date: August 30, 2023
Re: Partial OIG EXP INV Certification, Partial OIG Non-Concurrence with OPA Proposed EXP INV for Case Number: 2023OPA-0324

Partial OIG EXP Certification, Partial Non-Concurrence Memo

OIG has reviewed the proposed EXP INV for case number 2023OPA-0324. OIG concurs with OPA's proposed expedited status for allegations against NE #1 (SN # [REDACTED]). Accordingly, the EXP investigation into allegations against NE #1 is certified as thorough, timely, and objective.

OIG does not concur with OPA's proposed EXP status for allegations against NE #2 (SN # [REDACTED]). Instead, OIG finds a full investigation is more suitable as the matters involved could be of significant public concern.

While it is noted that the strikes used by NE #2 may have been within policy, OIG is unclear whether the conduct was necessary based on the number of officers who were hands-on with the complainant and because of other UOF tools that were readily available.

Upon completing a full investigation into allegations against NE #2, please resubmit said portion of the case to OIG for re-review and certification. Feel free to contact OIG with any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthias Gydé'.

Matthias Gydé - OIG Investigations Supervisor