

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2016-0778

Issued Date: 12/20/2016

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	Seattle Police Department Manual 16.090 (6) In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity (Policy that was issued March 1, 2016)
OPA Finding	Sustained
Final Discipline	Written Reprimand

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The Named Employee transported a subject from a jail to a medical center.

COMPLAINT

The complainant, a supervisor within the Department, alleges that the Named Employee may have violated Section 16.090.6 – In-Car Video System: 6. Employees Will Record Police Activity when he failed to reactive his In-Car Video (ICV) during a transport.

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. Interview of SPD employee

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The complainant alleged that the Named Employee transported a prisoner from a jail to a hospital without using ICV. The Named Employee responded to transport a subject for bicycle officers from the arrest location to the precinct, and later to jail; during the transport he used his ICV. Officers are required to deactivate the ICV system when they enter the jail sally port. The subject was refused booking at the jail and transported to a hospital by the Named Employee. The Named Employee did not use his ICV system during the transport from the jail to the hospital. During his interview the Named Employee said he forgot to activate his ICV for this transport.

FINDINGS

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The preponderance of the evidence showed the Named Employee did not activate his ICV. Therefore a **Sustained** finding was issued for *In Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity.*

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.