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OPA requests criminal investigation after officer rolls bicycle over person

Seattle — OPA is investigating the SPD officer who rolled a bicycle over an individual lying on the ground.

The Seattle Police Department's Force Investigation Team (FIT) responded to the incident at 2:40 a.m. and notified OPA. OPA staff responded to monitor the investigation. From a review of the video posted on Twitter, FIT identified potential violations of SPD policy, as well as potential criminal conduct. FIT accordingly referred the matter to OPA.

At 5:00 a.m., after further analyzing the video and observing the interviews conducted by FIT, OPA requested that a criminal investigation be conducted. OPA asked that the investigation to be done by an outside law enforcement agency, and SPD agreed. We are awaiting confirmation on the identity of that agency.

We will provide additional information as it becomes available, including the case number. So far, OPA has received over 30 complaints concerning this incident.

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