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Office of Police Accountability processing 12,000 complaints after weekend demonstrations

Seattle, WA — The Seattle Office of Police Accountability (OPA) recognizes the community's anger and sadness following the death of George Floyd. We whole-heartedly support the movement for equitable policing across the nation.

OPA has received approximately 12,000 individual complaints concerning the Seattle Police Department's (SPD) response to this weekend's demonstrations. We are currently reviewing and processing these complaints. The resulting investigations will be our top priority moving forward.

Below are the ten specific incidents about which OPA has received the most complaints. We have assigned each a case number that can be used to [track the progress](#) online of the corresponding investigation. These investigations will be civilian-led and as transparent as possible given the law and police collective bargaining agreements. We will complete our investigations quickly due to the immense public concern and will provide updates via our website and Twitter.

1. Pepper spraying a young girl (Saturday): **2020OPA-0322**
2. Punching a person on the ground who was being arrested (Friday): **2020OPA-0323**
3. Placing a knee on the neck area of two people who had been arrested (Saturday): **2020OPA-0324**
4. Covering up badge numbers: **2020OPA-0325**
5. Failing to record law enforcement activity on body-worn video: **2020OPA-0326**
6. Pepper spraying peaceful protestors (Saturday): **2020OPA-0327**
7. The use of flashbangs, including causing a significant thumb injury (Saturday): **2020OPA-0328**
8. Failing to secure rifles in the rear of a patrol vehicle (Saturday): **2020OPA-0329**
9. Punching a person on the ground who was being arrested (Sunday): **2020OPA-0330**
10. Officers breaking windows of a Target store (date unknown): **2020OPA-0331**

Please note that we will not prejudge any actions prior to finishing our investigations. We respectfully caution the public about reaching findings without having all the evidence.

We also urge the public to allow the system created by the Police Accountability Ordinance to carry out its respective responsibilities. This includes not only OPA's investigative duties, but the Inspector General's systemic review and the Community Police Commission's raising of community concerns. The system was built to respond to these incidents, and OPA is confident that all involved will do so ethically and to the best of their ability.

We encourage community members to continue filing complaints. We are working to ensure space on our voicemail, but if you are unable to leave a message, please file a complaint via our [web form](#). If you have video that you think may be useful, please include a link to it.