



King County

Office of Law Enforcement Oversight

DATE: October 15, 2021

TO: Undersheriff Patti Cole-Tindall, King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO)

FR: Adrienne Wat, Deputy Director, Office of Law Enforcement Oversight (OLEO)

RE: Recommended findings for IIU2021-228

The Internal Investigations Unit (IIU) advised the Office of Law Enforcement Oversight (OLEO) that findings for investigation number IIU2021-228 had been drafted after OLEO certified the fact-finding portion of the investigation as thorough, objective, and timely on August 26, 2021. OLEO has independently reviewed the findings and agrees with the division chief's findings for each allegation pursuant to King County Code 2.75.040(C).

Allegations Against Each Subject

	General Orders Manual (GOM) Allegation ¹	KCSO Pct./Section Commander Findings	KCSO Div. Chief Findings	OLEO Recommended Finding
Subject Employee 1 (SE1)	(1) 3.00.020(3)(a): Appropriate Use of Authority	Exonerated	Sustained	Sustained
	(2) 3.00.015(2)(d): Excessive or Unnecessary Use of Force	Exonerated	Sustained	Sustained
Subject Employee 2 (SE2)	(1) 3.00.020(3)(a): Appropriate Use of Authority	Exonerated	Sustained	Sustained
	(2) 3.00.015(2)(d): Excessive or Unnecessary Use of Force	Exonerated	Sustained	Sustained

¹ OLEO referred to the GOM published (February 1, 2021) at the time of the incident, and not the revised GOM that has been in effect since July 28, 2021.

Note on Findings

In this case, the subject employees' precinct/section commander provided recommended findings exonerating the employees from all allegations. Subsequently, the division chief for the subject employees reached a different finding, sustaining all allegations.

OLEO concurs with the division chief's analysis—sustaining all allegations—because it appropriately outlines the facts of the incident and correctly examines the subject employees' conduct in light of KCSO's policies and training.

For these reasons, OLEO recommends the adoption of the division chief's findings as the disposition to these allegations.