

**Audits of Body Worn Camera Footage  
Salt Lake City Police Department  
Pursuant to City Code 2.10.200  
December 2025**

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**SUMMARY**

This memorandum constitutes a random audit, pursuant to City Code 2.10.200.E, of body worn camera recordings for the month of December, 2025. The ordinance requires that any findings of material non-compliance with state law, City Code and Police Department policy to be referred to the Chief of Police, the Mayor, the Council Chair, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, and the City Attorney.

The system used by the Department, at the time this audit was conducted, cannot randomly generate a body worn camera (BWC) recording based on a particular timeframe. Because of that limitation, a random number generator was used to identify 5 case numbers (out of 5,274 case numbers) from the month. If a case number had multiple recordings for that case number, a recording was randomly selected for review.

## **Body Worn Camera Reviews**

### **Case No. 1**

#### ***Summary***

Subject Officer parks in front of a house, knocks on the door and a female opens the door. Subject Officer alerts the Subject female to a concerning call law enforcement received from her husband and indicates he is there to verify her safety and ensure that the husband does not follow through with his stated acts.

Subject female and Subject officer discuss husband's medical history, and the Officer inquires about firearms in the home.

Subject officer informs Subject female that she will be notified in the event her husband is taken for medical care. Meanwhile, Subject officer receives confirmation that officers have located husband.

Subject Officer and Subject Female discuss arrangements for getting the vehicle the husband was driving.

Subject Officer leaves the house and says, "End of contact. Going off for now. Actually, I'll just go" and leaves the body worn camera activated while he drives. Subject Officer arrives on scene where a medical team is tending to husband. Subject Officer makes arrangement with other officers on how to get the keys to the family for pickup of the vehicle located in a commercial parking lot. Subject Officer suddenly deactivates the body worn camera.

#### ***Finding***

Subject Officer appeared to comply with State and City Codes and Police Department policy. However, there may have been a technical violation of Police Department Policy and applicable City code concerning the deactivation process at the conclusion of the law enforcement encounter, as the Subject Officer did not return to his vehicle or provide a stated reason for the deactivation. Subject Officer demonstrated empathy toward the Subject female and her circumstances and made efforts to adequately assess her safety.

### **Case No. 2**

#### ***Summary***

Subject Officer arrives at a motel parking lot where another patrol car is parked behind a passenger vehicle.

Subject Officer approaches the car and asks the Subject female in the driver's seat to exit the vehicle so they can talk. Subject Officer inquires about the plate on the vehicle after informing the Subject female that it does not belong to the vehicle. Subject female indicates the plate was on the car when she purchased it. Officers continue to investigate the unlawful plates. During the conversation, the Subject female informs the Subject Officer that she owns the car but that the vehicle is not insured.

While Subject Officer is speaking to Subject female, additional officers are peering through the vehicle's windows. The other officers observe items in apparent plain view and call Subject female over to discuss what they found.

Subject officer engages the Subject female in a conversation about her drug use, which includes discussion of cannabis regulations and use. Meanwhile, the other officers continue their search of the vehicle. Subject Female admits that there is marijuana in the vehicle.

A thorough search of the vehicle including its contents is conducted. Another officer conducts a search of Subject female. Officers tell Subject female that they have to seize the drugs and admonish her that she cannot operate the vehicle until it is insured, properly registered, and she has a valid driver's license. Officers inform Subject Female that they are just giving her a warning.

Subject Officer says, "deactivating end of call" and deactivates the body worn camera.

### ***Finding***

Subject Officer was respectful and empathetic towards the Subject female's situation.

This matter should be referred, pursuant to 2.10.200.E, to determine if officers complied with applicable law and department policies related to the searches conducted. Additional review is important because it may glean additional facts necessary to determine compliance with law and policy.

### **Case No. 3**

#### ***Summary***

Subject Officer, who is a female, is walking in a park and joins a male officer who is with the Subject female. The male officer tells Subject Officer that the Subject female has agreed to be searched and again asks the Subject female if she can be search, to which she says "yes". The Subject Officer searches the Subject female. While searching the Subject female, Subject officer engages in dialogue about available resources that the city has to offer. The Subject Officer provides the Subject female with contact information for the SLCPD social workers.

During the encounter, Subject Officer discusses with Subject female if she needs any medical response to which she replies, no.

The male officer issues the Subject female a citation for possession of paraphernalia. In the male officer's patrol car was an arrested male. The male officer explains to Subject officer that he came upon the arrested male and the Subject female who were under a blanket with a plume of smoke coming out. The male officer further detailed that the Subject female tried to put out the smoke but that he instructed her to give him the contraband. The male officer stated he read Miranda and asked the male if he had drugs on him which he answered in the affirmative.

Both the male officer and subject officer collect property and place, placing it in an evidence bag and calling the Community Response Team (CRT) for additional support.

Subject Officer conducts an inventory on the arrested male's backpack.

Two CRT members arrive to retrieve the Subject male's bicycle. CRT and the officer coordinate efforts to ensure the bicycle has not been reported stolen.

The male officer searches the arrested male and then helps him get in the backseat of the patrol car. Subject Officer informs the male officer that she is still waiting to hear if the bicycle has been reported stolen.

Subject Officer says, "going off, end of contact" and turns off BWC.

### ***Finding***

Officers appeared to comply with State and City Codes and Police Department policy. The officers treated both subjects with respect. The Subject Officer demonstrated empathy and genuine concern for the Subject female by regularly inquiring about her well-being and providing relevant resources. The officers and Crisis Response Team collaborated effectively throughout the interaction.

### **Case No. 4**

#### ***Summary***

Subject Officer and another police officer follow a male individual, the complainant, into an apartment building. The complainant leads officers to an apartment door, knocks on the door, and upon receiving no answer, opens the door and begins to walk into the apartment while stating that his property is inside. Subject Officer calls for the complainant to exit the apartment.

During this time, two males exit the elevator onto the floor. One of the males, the suspect, indicated that the same apartment unit complainant had recently entered was his.

The Subject Officer engages with the suspect and asks if the complainant's property is in his apartment. Through further investigation, the officer learned from the suspect that he had placed the items in a garbage chute. The officer attempted to question the suspect about how he came into possession of the property; however, the suspect did not provide a response and entered his apartment, where he retrieved a bag of tortillas belonging to the complainant. The tortillas were returned to the complainant.

Complainant provided additional details, explaining that he was walking in the apartment with a bag of tortillas and two bags of groceries when he was confronted by the suspect on the way to the elevator. The complainant stated that the suspect used force to take the items from him and that while doing so the suspect made statements suggesting the property does not belong to him. The complainant expressed a desire to press charges and the need to hold the suspect accountable for his acts.

The Subject Officer then interviews the other male that witnessed the incident. The witness reports that he saw that the suspect had the complainant's property, and he told him to return the property to the complainant. Witness also stated that the complainant "had been a victim before" and he went with the suspect to return the complainant's property to make sure nothing happened between the two males.

Subject Officer returns to interview the complainant. Complainant asks what happens next and the Subject Officer informs him that the case will be followed up by detectives. Subject Officer provides the complainant with the case number if he wants to follow up and recommends he go to his unit and stay separated from the suspect so that things settle down.

Subject Officer informs the suspect that he is free to go. Subject Officer informs witness that detectives will follow up with him and that he is free to go.

Subject Officer says, "end of contact, going off" and turns off BWC.

## **Finding**

Subject Officer appeared to comply with State and City Codes and Police Department policy.

## **Case No. 5**

### ***Summary***

Subject Officer arrives at a convenience store and walks in and begins speaking with the store clerk and asks him if he has the license plate of a car. Clerk says no but there

was a witness that saw the car from a prior incident. Subject Officer goes outside and speaks to another officer and explains what the clerk stated.

Both officers walk back into the store and watch the video of the incident in the store and in the parking lot. The other officer takes pictures of the incident focusing on the suspect. In the video, someone can be heard saying "Grab the beer. Get your hands off".

The officers are done watching the video and walk out of the store and Subject Officer says something inaudible and turns off BWC.

### ***Finding***

Subject Officers appeared to comply with State and City Codes and Police Department policy.

### **CONCLUSION**

In three cases that were reviewed, the audit found that police officers appeared to materially comply with City Code and State law, and Police Department policies. One case is being referred for potential non-compliance with technical body worn camera requirements and another case is being referred for additional review to determine compliance with applicable law and department policies.