

Office of the New York State Attorney General

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<u>Via E-mail</u>
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Syracuse Police Department
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Via Email

Re: Executive Law § 75(5)(b) Referral of Police Officer Seyam Omery OAG Matter No. 1-818319678

Dear Chief Cecile,

The Office of the New York State Attorney General has reviewed your agency's Executive Law § 75(5)(b) referral of complaints involving Officer Seyam Omery from April 2023 to September 2024. Based on our review, we have not made a finding of a pattern or practice of misconduct, use of excessive force, or acts of dishonesty by Officer Omery.

However, in Incident #24-502425 / 24-502367, which involved a September 24, 2024 incident in which Officer Omery responded to an alleged larceny at a convenience store, Officer Omery used discourteous and profane language towards an eleven-year old in contravention of SPD Policy 320.5.9 and threatened to handcuff and detain him in contravention to SPD Policy 302.3.3, Handcuffing and Restraints.¹

Accordingly, we recommend that Officer Omery receive additional training on the proper handling of incidents involving minor children, including handcuffing and appropriate demeanor.

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¹ Although the minor was not respectful, Officer Omery's response was not appropriate. For example, Officer Omery said "f---you" and "you are eleven years old, a lright; you are going to spend a lot of time in prison and you are going to die in there probably" to the minor (Omery BWC 2:49-2:51; 7:21-7:33).

We appreciate your cooperation and that of your agency.

Thank you,

Brenda Osorio Assistant Attorney General

Tyler Nims Chief, Law Enforcement Misconduct Investigative Office