

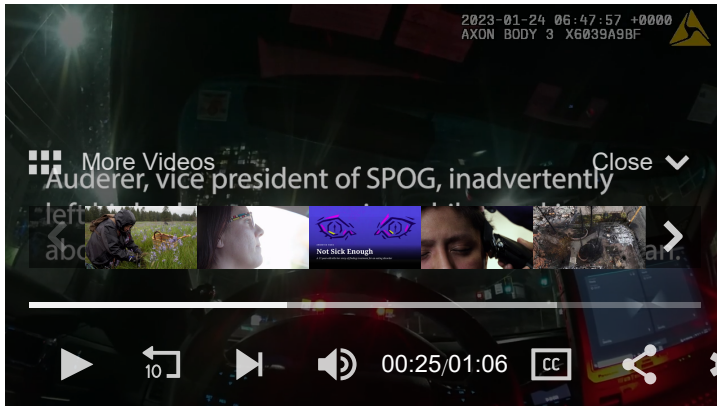
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Investigation launched into tape of Seattle police guild leaders downplaying death of woman struck by officer

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Leaders of the Seattle Police Officers Guild are being investigated for downplaying the death of Jaahnavi Kandula, a 23-year-old woman killed by a police cruiser driven by Officer Kevin Dave.



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A Seattle police watchdog agency is investigating rank-and-file union leaders over body-camera audio in which they laugh, joke about and downplay the death of [a young woman struck by a police cruiser](#), suggesting her life had “limited value” and that the city should “just write a check.”

Officer Daniel Auderer, vice president of the Seattle Police Officers Guild, inadvertently left his body camera running after responding Jan. 23 to South Lake Union, where another officer, Kevin Dave, [struck and killed Jaahnavi Kandula while driving 74 mph](#) on the way to a report of an overdose.

Kandula, who had been in a crosswalk at Thomas Street and Dexter Avenue North, was thrown over 100 feet. The 23-year-old died later that night.

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