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November 12, 2010

Ms. Joy Morrissey, Board Chair
Atlanta Citizen Review Board
City Hall Tower, Suite 9100
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Complaint #10-19/Ransford Asamoah

Dear Ms. Morrissey:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's letter dated October 18, 2010, recommending that the allegation Officer Sammie Hayslett used excessive force during the arrest of Ransford Asamoah on March 9, 2010 be not sustained, along with the allegation of unlawful imprisonment be unfounded.

The Atlanta Police Department's Office of Professional Standards has concluded from its investigation of the allegation against Officer Hayslett that it not be sustained for maltreatment or unnecessary force during the arrest. It cannot be proven or disproven based on the contradictory statements given by Mr. Asamoah and Officer Hayslett if unnecessary force was used by the officer to subdue Mr. Asamoah's resistance to being handcuffed. Officer Hayslett had a duty to further investigate possible illegal activity he had observed and detain Mr. Asamoah to that end.

Having assessed the findings of both the Atlanta Citizen Review Board and the Department's investigative summaries, I concur with both the findings of the Office of Professional Standards as well as the Atlanta Citizen Review Board on the allegation of excessive force.

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Major E. B. Dancy, Commander of the Office of Professional Standards, can be contacted at (404) 658-7028, if you have any further concerns regarding this complaint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George N. Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

George N. Turner
Chief of Police

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cc: Ms. Cristina Beamud, Executive Director/ACRB
Assistant Chief P.N. Andresen
Major E. B. Dancy
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