



# CITY OF ATLANTA

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

RE: Complaints #10-25 / Verdell Martin

Dear Ms. Morrissey:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's letter dated November 5, 2010, recommending that the allegation Officer Michael Gaither used excessive force during an incident involving Ms. Verdell Martin be exonerated.

The Atlanta Police Department's Office of Professional Standards has concluded from its investigation that Officer Gaither be exonerated for maltreatment or unnecessary force during an incident involving Ms. Verdell.

Having assessed the findings of both the Atlanta Citizen Review Board and the Department's investigative summaries, I concur with the findings of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board and the Office of Professional Standards on the allegation of excessive force for ACRB complaint #10-25. Therefore, I accept the recommendation of the board.

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,

George N. Turner  
Chief of Police