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September 20, 2011

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

RE: Complaint #10-32/Tamla Watkins

Dear Ms. Morrissey:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's letter dated August 16, 2011, recommending that the allegation of false arrest be Exonerated against Officer Larry Bennett in the arrest of Tamla Watkins on January 7, 2010.

At this time, the Office of Professional Standards has not concluded its investigation into the allegations surrounding the incident at Dobbs Elementary School. Therefore, in an effort to be in compliance with the City Ordinance [Sec. 2-2211 (o)], I am obligated at this time to Reject your recommendations as it is imperative that the Department afford our employees their due process. Once the Office of Professional Standards has completed its investigation, I will reconsider the recommendation of your 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