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Ms. Sherry Williams  
Atlanta Citizen Review Board  
City Hall Tower, Suite 9100  
55 Trinity Avenue, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: 14-105 Complaint of Steven McDowell

Dear Ms. Williams:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's letter pertaining to the complaint of Steven McDowell, recommending that the allegation of false imprisonment be sustained against Officer Mauricio Castro.

The Office of Professional Standards has concluded its investigation and it has determined, from evidence, not sustain Officer Mauricio Castro for the Atlanta Police Department work rule 4.1.1 Appropriate Action Required.

In command review of the file by Deputy Chief Spillane, Officer Castro stated he observed Mr. McDowell's vehicle driving around in the Pittsburgh Community for some time and he had probable cause to stop Mr. McDowell for cruising. Officer Castro was able to provide documentation showing the City Ordinance Sec. 150-296- Cruising on Public Streets and Amendment 14-0-1068 approved in February 26, 2014; which prohibits cruising in the Pittsburgh Community. Officer Castro chose not to issue a citation to Mr. McDowell for the cruising violation because the signage for "No Cruising Zone" had not been posted by the City at the time of the violation. These signs are now posted throughout the Pittsburgh Community. It was found that based on the City Ordinance Sec. 150-296 and Amendment 14-0-1068, Officer Castro had probable cause to conduct a traffic stop on Mr. McDowell. It was also determined that there was no audio with the WatchGuard video due to a microphone and audio pack malfunction. This was also confirmed by a watch supervisor Sgt. Henninger and Electronic Maintenance Supervisor Horace Reid

Having assessed the Atlanta Citizens Review Board and the Department's investigative findings regarding this matter, I reject the findings of the Atlanta Citizens Review Board.

Major J. Durant, Commander of the Office of Professional Standards, can be contacted at (404) 546-5945, if you have any concerns regarding this complaint.

Sincerely,



George N. Turner  
Chief of Police

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