



CITY OF ATLANTA

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Atlanta Police Department
George N. Turner
Chief of Police

Received by:
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9-24-15

September 12, 2015

Mr. William Harrison
Atlanta Citizen Review Board
City Hall Tower, Suite 9100
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: 14-80 Complaint of Bailey Cato

Dear Mr. Harrison:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's letter, regarding the complaint of Mr. Bailey Cato, recommending that the allegation of excessive force be sustained against Officers Matthew Johns and Michael Soprano.

The Atlanta Police Department forwarded a response letter indicating the Office of Professional Standards (OPS) had not concluded its investigation into the allegation surrounding an incident involving Mr. Cato, and had to reject your recommendation at the time. The investigation has since been concluded and it was determined from evidence to not sustain the allegation of 4.250 Unnecessary Force against Officers Johns and Soprano.

Mr. Cato did not cooperate with request to provide a formal statement on his account of the events, nor did his witnesses. There were no third party witnesses to provide an unbiased account of what took place.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George N. Turner".

George N. Turner
Chief of Police

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RE: 14-68 Complaint of Laverne Ballard

Dear Mr. Harrison:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's letter, regarding the complaint of Mr. Laverne Ballard, which recommended that the allegation of false arrest be exonerated and unnecessary force be not sustained against Officer Michael McEckron.

The Atlanta Police Department forwarded a response letter indicating the Office of Professional Standards (OPS) had not concluded its investigation into the allegation surrounding an incident involving Ms. Laverne Ballard, and had to reject your recommendation at the time. The investigation has since been concluded and it was determined from evidence to exonerate the allegations of 4.1.1 Appropriate Action and 4.2.50 Unnecessary Force against Officer Michael McEckron.

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

Major B.K. Martin, 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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