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Mr. Paul Bartels, Board Chair
Atlanta Citizen Review Board
City Hall Tower, Suite 9100
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: ACRB #11-41/Michael Morrison

Dear Mr. Bartels:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's letter, dated November 14, 2011, recommending that the allegation that Officer Charles Sendling used abusive language towards Mr. Michael Morrison during a July 2, 2011 traffic stop, contained in the above referenced complaint, be Sustained.

On December 15, 2011, the Atlanta Police Department forwarded the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) a letter indicating the Office of Professional Standards (OPS) had not concluded its investigation into the allegation surrounding the incident, and therefore, had to Reject your recommendation.

At this time, the OPS investigation has concluded. As a result thereof, Atlanta Police Department Employee Work Rules 4.1.01, (Appropriate Action Required), and 4.2.02, (Courtesy), were Sustained against Officer Sendling. The investigation contained sufficient evidence to conclude that Officer Sendling did not handle the traffic stop in an appropriate manner and his language towards Mr. Morrison was discourteous.

Having assessed the findings of both the Atlanta Citizen Review Board and the Department's investigative summaries, I accept the findings of the Atlanta Citizen Review 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