



# CITY OF ATLANTA

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July 23, 2012

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

RE: Complaint #11-90/Edwina Blount

Dear Mr. Bartels:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's letter, dated July 2, 2012, recommending that Sergeant Edgar Irish, Investigators J. Brandon Puetz, Brian Ernest, Andrea Webster, Tyrone Diggs, Gregory Smith, and Tony Jones be Exonerated of the allegations of Excessive Force and False Imprisonment during the execution of a search warrant at the home of Edwina Blount on December 13, 2011.

The Atlanta Police Department's Office of Professional Standards (OPS) has concluded its investigation into these allegations, and as a result thereof, Atlanta Police Department (APD) Employee Work Rule 4.2.22(2) (Identification Cards) was Not Sustained against Sergeant Irish. Additionally, Investigators Brian Ernest and J. Brandon Puetz were Exonerated of the allegations of violations of APD Employee Work Rule 4.1.01 (Appropriate Action Required), and APD Employee Work Rule 4.2.02 (Courtesy). There was no evidence contained in the OPS investigation upon which to conclude that the investigators were not appropriate in the execution of the search warrant or that they were discourteous to the Blount sisters during the search of Ms. Edwina Blount's son.

The OPS investigation did contain sufficient evidence to Sustain a violation of APD Employee Work Rule 4.1.01 (Appropriate Action Required) against Investigator Tyrone Diggs. The investigation revealed that Investigator Diggs did not respond appropriately to Ms. Cassandra Blount's question regarding who would be responsible for the repair of her sister's door.

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

7/26/12 @ 2:20 pm/nd

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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George N. Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

George N. Turner  
Chief of Police