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September 25, 2015

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

RE: 15-18 Complaint of John Ruch

Dear Mr. Harrison:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizens Review Board's letter dated August 19, 2015, which recommends that Sergeant Michelle McKenzie receive a sustained disposition for falsely arresting Mr. John Ruch and the recommendation be not sustained where Sergeant McKenzie and an unknown officer were accused of using excessive force by applying his handcuffs too tight.

The Atlanta Police Department's Office of Professional Standards (OPS) has concluded its investigation into this incident. As a result, Sergeant McKenzie was exonerated of the allegation of Atlanta Police Department Work Rule 4.1.1 Appropriate Action. In review of the file, there appeared to be no evidence provided to suggest that unnecessary force was used during the arrest of Mr. Ruch.

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

Handwritten signature of George N. Turner in blue ink.
George N. Turner
Chief of Police

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