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July 2, 2012

Chief George Turner
Atlanta Police Department
226 Peachtree Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Complaint of Tremayne Jordan,
Case No. 11-47

Dear Chief Turner:

The Atlanta Citizen Review Board (“ACRB”) completed its investigation and adjudication of the complaint filed by Tremayne Jordan. Mr. Jordan alleges that Officer Alex Robinson engaged in unnecessary and excessive force when he physically assaulted him during an arrest. The complaint was investigated by Sheena Robertson.

Mr. Jordan alleges that on June 29, 2011, Officer Robinson struck him twice, without provocation, in the face (*once on each side*) with his ASP baton causing his jaw to break. He further alleges that Officer Robinson jumped on his left leg, pressed down and broke it.

An interview was conducted with Officer Robinson. Officer Robinson denied having any physical contact with Mr. Jordan except when he searched him and again when he tried to handcuff him. Officer Robinson contends that Jordan’s injuries were caused when he jumped over a large pile of trash/debris that was approximately 2½-3 feet in height, lost his balance, and landed face down on the concrete. During the interview with Investigator Robertson, Sergeant Grisgby stated that when he arrived on the scene, he noticed a large pile of debris/trash present and described it as being approximately three feet in height.

During the course of the investigation, Investigator Robertson could not locate any witnesses that could corroborate either Mr. Jordan’s or Officer Robinson’s version on how Mr. Jordan was injured. What is not in dispute is that

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on the day of the incident, Mr. Jordan was transported to Grady Hospital for treatment of the injuries he suffered as a result of the encounter with Officer Robinson. As documented in the medical report, there is no doubt that Mr. Jordan suffered significant injuries to his jaw and left leg; however, how he sustained those injuries are uncertain.

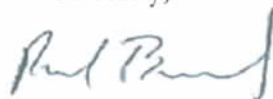
As a result of Mr. Jordan's and Officer Robinson's conflicting accounts as to the nature of how Mr. Jordan sustained his injuries, the ACRB submitted Mr. Jordan's medical records, along with the written transcripts of Mr. Jordan's and Officer Robinson's interviews with the ACRB for review by Ms. Diane White, a registered nurse with 24 years' experience who specializes in injuries sustained as a result of trauma to the body. It is Ms. White's professional opinion that Mr. Jordan's injuries were consistent with a fall.

Based upon the documentary and testimonial evidence obtained during the course of this investigation, there appears to be insufficient evidence to support Mr. Jordan's allegations that his injuries were caused by Officer Robinson.

Therefore, given the facts presented, the Board voted to recommend a finding of **Not Sustained** applied to the allegation of excessive force against Officer Alex Robinson.

Please let me know if you will need any further information or would like a copy of the investigation. The ordinance requires that the Chief respond in writing regarding which recommendations are accepted, rejected, or will be implemented with modifications within thirty (30) days of the submission of a recommendation for action by the Board to the Chief (*Sec. 2-2211(O) of the Ordinance 07-0-0141*).

Sincerely,



Paul Bartels,
Board Chair

cc: Mayor Kasim Reed
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