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

RE: Complaint of Kenny Quarterman,
ACRB Case File #14-114

Dear Chief Turner:

Please be advised that the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) has concluded its investigation and adjudication of the complaint filed by Mr. Kenny Quarterman alleging that on October 2, 2014, Atlanta Police Sergeant Thomas Apple (Unique ID #3757) engaged in unnecessary and excessive force when he choked him while at the Zone 3 Precinct.

The Board determined that **excessive force** allegation against Sergeant Apple be assigned a finding of **Sustained** and recommends that the following penalties be imposed:

- **Seven (7) day suspension;**
- **Training on the APD's approved restraint techniques.**

The Board further recommends that APD looks into the following:

- The inconsistency in Officer Ryan Jones' ACRB statement indicating that Mr. Quarterman kicked him which resulted in him falling to the ground. None of the other officers that were interviewed, including Sergeant Apple, reported that this occurred.
- Furthermore, there appears to be some conflicting accounts as to how the search of Mr. Quarterman was conducted. It is recommended that APD look further into this issue to determine whether any constitutional and/or policy violations occurred.

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The file is available for review upon request. 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 (*see Sec. 2-2211(O) of the Ordinance 07-0-0141*).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Harrison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William Harrison
Board Chair

cc: Mayor Kasim Reed
Council President Ceasar Mitchell
Members of the Atlanta City Council
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Executive Director Lee Reid