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Mr. Paul Bartels
Atlanta Citizens Review Board
City hall Tower, Suite 9100
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
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RE: 11-74 Complaint of Abraham Malobe

Dear Mr. Bartels:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizens Review Board's letter dated October 23, 2012, recommending that the allegations of excessive force and false imprisonment be sustained against Officer Lonnie Character as a result of an incident involving Mr. Abraham Malobe on August 9, 2011.

The Atlanta Police Department's Office of Professional Standards, (OPS), has concluded its investigation, and as a result thereof, a violation of Atlanta Police Department, (APD), Employee Work Rule 4.1.01, (Appropriate Action Required), was sustained against Officer Character. However, the allegation that Officer Character violated APD Employee Work Rule 4.2.50 was unfounded. It was established through this investigation that Officer Character did not enter Mr. Malobe's home until after he was detained by Officers assisting in the Code Enforcement detail.

Having assessed the findings in both the Atlanta Citizens Review Board and the Department's investigations into this matter, I reject the findings of the Atlanta Citizens Review Board.

Please be advised that following this incident, the Code Enforcement Unit was transferred from the Department of Planning to the Atlanta Police Department. The Atlanta Police Department is currently in the process of developing and improving policies and procedures which would govern the duties of the Code Enforcement Unit/Quality of Life Officers.

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Major E. Dancy, Commander of the Office of Professional Standards, can be contacted at (404) 658-7028, if you have any concerns regarding this complaint.

Sincerely,



George N. Turner
Chief of Police

cc: Samuel L. Reid
Director, ACRB

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