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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: 12-22, Complaint Duane Blocker

Dear Mr. Bartels:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's letter, dated March 29, 2013, recommending that the allegations that Officer Kenneth B. Thomas falsely arrested Duane Blocker on June 18, 2012 and July 4, 2012; and that Officer Thomas used excessive force against Mr. Blocker on July 4, 2012 be sustained.

At this time, the Office of Professional Standards has not concluded its investigation into the allegations surrounding the arrest of Mr. Blocker. Therefore, in an effort to be in compliance with the City Ordinance [Sec. 2-2211 (o)], I am obligated at this time to Reject your recommendation as it is imperative that the Atlanta Police Department afford its employees due process. Once the Office of Professional Standards has completed its investigation, I will reconsider the recommendation of the ACRB.

Major E. 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,

George N. Turner
Chief of Police

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