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George N. Turner
Chief of Police

January 27, 2015

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

RE: 14-068 Complaint of Laverne Ballard

Dear Mr. Harrison:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's letter, dated December 30, 2014, recommending that the allegation of excessive force be not sustained and false arrest be exonerated against Officer Michael McEckron.

At this time, the Office of Professional Standards has not concluded its investigation into the allegations surrounding the false arrest of Ms. Ballard. 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 our employees their due process. Once the Office of Professional Standards has completed its investigation, I will reconsider the recommendation of the ACRB.

Major B.K. Martin, Commander of the Office of Professional Standards, can be contacted at (404) 546-5945, if you have any further concerns regarding this complaint.

Sincerely,

George N. Turner
Chief of Police

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