



# CITY OF ATLANTA

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Mr. Paul Bartels  
Atlanta Citizen Review Board  
City Hall tower, Suite 9100  
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RE: 12-23, Complaint of Howard Wright

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's letter dated March 29, 2013, in which it recommends that the allegation that Officer Kenneth B. Thomas used excessive force against Mr. Howard Wright on July 4, 2012 be sustained.

The Atlanta Police Department's Office of Professional Standards, (OPS), has concluded its investigation into this incident. As a result thereof, Officer Thomas was exonerated of the allegation that he violated Atlanta Police Department, (APD), Employee Work Rule 4.2.33 (Conformance to Directives APD SOP .3030 Arrest Procedures 4.1.4 (1)(a)). The investigative findings did not suggest any use of unnecessary force on the part of Officer Kenneth Thomas.

Having assessed the Atlanta Citizens Review Board and the Department's investigative findings regarding this matter, I reject the findings of the Atlanta Citizens Review Board.

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

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