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

RE: Complaint of Duane Blocker, ACRB File 12-22

Dear Chief Turner:

Please be advised that the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) has concluded its investigation and adjudication of the complaint filed by Duane Blocker alleging that on June 18, 2012 and July 4, 2012, Atlanta Police Officer Kenneth B. Thomas (Unique ID # 4847) falsely arrested him at Woodruff Park. Mr. Blocker further alleged that during the July 4th incident, Officer Thomas used excessive force against him.

MAYOR OF ATLANTA

Kasim Reed

The Board determined that there was sufficient evidence to **sustain** both excessive force and false arrest allegations against Officer Thomas. Therefore, the Board is recommending that the following discipline be imposed in concurrence:

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- ❖ Excessive Force – Three (3) day suspension
- ❖ False Arrest – Three (3) day suspension

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.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Lee Reid or me at (404) 865-8622.

Sincerely,

Paul Bartels,
Board Chair

cc: Mayor Kasim Reed
Council President Cesar Mitchell
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