



December 30, 2014

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City of Atlanta Police Department  
226 Peachtree Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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RE: Complaint of Laverne Ballard, ACRB File #14-068

Dear Chief Turner:

Samuel Lee Reid II  
Executive Director

Please be advised, the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) has concluded its investigation and adjudication of the complaint filed by Ms. Laverne Ballard, alleging that on April 30, 2014, Atlanta Police Officer Michael McEckron (Unique ID #4472) engaged in excessive force and falsely arrested her.

**Mayor of Atlanta**

Kasim Reed

The Board determined that the excessive force allegation against Officer McEckron be assigned a finding of **Not Sustained (the investigation established that there is insufficient evidence to conclude that the alleged misconduct was committed)** and determined that the false arrest allegation be assigned a finding of **Exonerated (the alleged act occurred but was justified, legal or properly within departmental policy)**

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During the course of the investigation and Board review, the ACRB noted a concern involving the arrest on a warrant that was later determined to be expired due the statute of limitations. The ACRB is referring the concern to the Fulton County Marshal Service, Fulton County Sheriff's Office, and the Atlanta Police Department.

The file is available for review upon request. The ordinance requires that the Chief respond in writing regarding which recommendation is 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).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Harrison".

Board Chair  
William Harrison

cc: Mayor Kasim Reed  
Council President Cesar Mitchell  
Members of the Atlanta City Council  
ACRB Members  
Executive Director Lee Reid