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April 18, 2014

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

RE: Complaint of Michael Bell, ACRB File 13-85

Dear Chief Turner:

I was recently elected as the new Chair of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board. All subsequent correspondence pertaining to adjudicated complaints will be submitted to your office under my signature.

Please be advised, that the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) has concluded its investigation and adjudication of the complaint filed by Mr. Michael Bell, alleging that on September 19, 2013, Atlanta Police Officer Michael McEckron (Unique ID #4472) falsely arrested him. Mr. Bell further alleges that the Officer McEckron engaged in excessive force when he grabbed his left arm, forced it behind his back, and slammed him against the patrol car.

The Board determined that the false arrest allegation against Officer McEckron be assigned a finding of **Not Sustained**. The Board further determined that the excessive force allegation be assigned a finding of **Unfounded**.

However, during the course of the investigation, it was revealed that when Officer McEckron was talking to his supervisor via radio, concerning Mr. Bell's request for a supervisor, Officer McEckron made comments such as, "*He's a veteran, blah, blah, blah*" in reference to Mr. Bell. The Board felt that Officer McEckron's comment was inappropriate and insensitive to Mr. Bell, and recommends that the Atlanta Police Department (APD) review the evidence and take appropriate action that is in accordance with APD's disciplinary matrix.

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Chief George Turner

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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, appearing to read "William Harrison", with a circular flourish at the end.

William Harrison
Board Chair

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cc: Mayor Kasim Reed
Council President Ceasar Mitchell
Members of the Atlanta City Council
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