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September 30, 2014

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

RE: Complaint of Regina Watts, ACRB File #14-002

Dear Chief Turner:

Please be advised that the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) has concluded its investigation and adjudication of the complaint filed by Ms. Regina Watts alleging that on July 12, 2013, Atlanta Police Officer Denis Joseph (Unique ID #5031) falsely imprisoned her when he stopped and detained her without “reasonable suspicion” that she had committed a crime. She further alleges that during the incident, Officer Joseph engaged in unnecessary and excessive force when he pointed his city issued firearm at her face and twisted her arm.

The Board determined that both allegations against Officer Joseph be assigned a finding of **Sustained**, and recommend that the following penalties be imposed:

- **False Imprisonment—Oral Reprimand**
- **Excessive Force—Fifteen (15) Day Suspension**

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'.

William Harrison
Board Chair

cc: Mayor Kasim Reed
Council President Cesar Mitchell
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Executive Director Lee Reid