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November 2, 2016

Ms. Sherry Williams
Atlanta Citizen Review Board
City Hall Tower, Suite 9100
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: 16-31 Complaint of James Jackson

Dear Ms. Williams:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's letter pertaining to the complaint of James Jackson recommending that the allegation of excessive force be sustained against Officers Alex Crawford and Laszlo Szutor.

The Office of Professional Standards has concluded its investigation and it has determined from evidence to not sustain Officers Crawford and Szutor for the Atlanta Police Department Work Rule 4.2.50 Unnecessary Force and agrees with the ACRB staff's recommendation to not sustain. In review of the file, there appears to be no evidence that Mr. Jackson made any claims of injury, nor was there any evidence that any physical altercation took place while Mr. Jackson was in the custody of Officers Szutor and Crawford. Officers Szutor and Crawford stated that there was no supervisor present during their encounter with Mr. Jackson and there was no need for supervisor intervention. In addition, it is not uncommon for officers to go to the precinct to complete citations, reports and complete warrants while an individual is in custody prior to taking them to jail and since there was nothing of significance reported, there stop at the precinct may have been omitted.

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

Major J. Durant, Commander of the Office of Professional Standards, can be contacted at (404) 546-5945, if you have any concerns regarding this complaint.

Sincerely,

George N. Turner
Chief of Police

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