



CITY OF ATLANTA

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

RE: 15-136 Complaint of Leonard Gresham


Dear Ms. Williams:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's letter pertaining to the complaint of Mr. Gresham, recommending that the allegations of false imprisonment and false arrest be sustained and harassment be not sustained against Officer Sheldon Drinkard. It also recommends that the allegations of false arrest, false imprisonment and harassment be sustained against Officer James Bonnett.

At this time, the Office of Professional Standards has not concluded its investigation into the allegations surrounding the excessive force of Mr. Gresham. Therefore, in an effort to be in compliance with the City Ordinance [Sec. 2-2211 (o)], I am obligated to reject your recommendation as it is imperative that the Atlanta Police Department afford our employees their due process. Once the Office of Professional Standards has completed its investigation, I will reconsider the recommendation of the ACRB.

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

Sincerely,


George N. Turner
Chief of Police

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