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November 30, 2016

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

RE: Complaint of Deante Nesmith, ACRB File #16-012

Dear Chief Turner:

Please be advised that the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) has concluded its investigation and adjudication of the complaint filed by Deante Nesmith alleging that on January 27, 2016, Atlanta Police Officers Michael Jones (Unique ID #6117), Philip Skidmore (Unique ID #6326) and Kenneth Wilson (Unique ID #6252) used excessive force against him when they grabbed him from behind, picked him up in the air and slammed him face first down to the ground. Mr. Nesmith also alleged that while he was face-down on the ground his back was “stomped” on and his head was pushed into the ground by one of the aforementioned officers.

The Board determined that the Excessive Force allegation against Officers Jones, Skidmore and Wilson be assigned a finding of **Not Sustained**.

However, based on the evidence obtained during the course of the investigation, the Board recommends that the APD do the following:

1. Ensure that Sergeant Michael Wolfe is re-trained on his supervisory duties and responsibilities pertaining to incident reports.
2. Ensure that Officer Michael Jones is re-trained on incident report writing and on how to electronically attach relevant information to incident/arrest reports.

The file is available for review upon request. The ordinance requires that the Chief respond in writing regarding which recommendations are 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 'Sherry'.

Sherry B. Williams
Board Chair

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