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May 17, 2016

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

RE: Complaint of Ronald Angeletti, ACRB File #15-116

Dear Chief Turner:

Please be advised that the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) has concluded its investigation and adjudication of the complaint filed by Ronald Angeletti alleging that on September 11, 2015 the following occurred: (1) Atlanta Police Officers Brian Austin (Unique ID #5445) and Cesar Fernandez (Unique ID #5619) falsely imprisoned him when they unlawfully stopped and detained him, (2) during the encounter, Officer Fernandez used abusive language towards him when he used numerous profanities while speaking with him and referred to him as a “nigger” and “black son-of-a-bitch,” and (3) Officers Austin and Kwasi Smart (Unique ID #6549) used abusive language when they referred to him as a “black ass.”

The Board determined that the false imprisonment allegation against Officers Austin and Fernandez be assigned a finding of **Not Sustained**. The Board further determined that the abusive language allegation against Officers Austin, Fernandez and Smart be assigned a finding of **Not Sustained**.

The Board further recommends that APD does the following:

1. Look into Mr. Angeletti’s claim that Officer Fernandez refused to provide his name when he asked for it.
2. Ensure that the dash cameras in their patrol cars, including Officers Austin and Fernandez’s vehicles (APD Vehicle No. 32114 & 32149) are operable at all times and utilized to ensure future traffic stops and citizen encounters are memorialized.
3. Look into why Officer Fernandez failed to appear in court on this matter.

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 Ceasar Mitchell
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Executive Director Lee Reid