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January 27, 2017

Chief Erika Shields
City of Atlanta Police Department
226 Peachtree Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Complaint of Alexandria Dickens, ACRB File #16-088

Dear Chief Shields:

Please be advised that the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) has concluded its investigation and adjudication of the complaint filed by Ms. Alexander Dickens alleging that on June 11, 2016, Atlanta Police Officer Matthew Harris (Unique ID #6167); (1) unlawfully stopped and detained her, (2) did not loosen the handcuffs after she complained to him that they were too tight and hurting her, and (3) searched her and her vehicle without cause.

The Board determined the following:

- The allegation of False Imprisonment, as it relates to the issue of whether Officer Harris had reasonable suspicion to stop and detained Ms. Dickens, be assigned a finding of **Exonerated**. However, as it relates to the issue that Officer Harris unlawfully prolonged the detention for the purpose of investigating a possible drug violation, the Board assigned a finding of **Sustained**;
- The allegation of Excessive Force against Officer Harris be assigned a finding of **Unfounded**;
- The allegation of Appropriate Action Required, as it relates to Officer Harris' search of Ms. Dickens' trunk of her vehicle and of her person be assigned a finding of **Sustained**. However, as it relates to the issue of Officer Harris' search of the interior of the vehicle, the Board assigned a finding of **Exonerated**.

The Board recommends that Officer Harris receives an oral reprimand and 4th Amendment training related to vehicle searches and pat-downs as penalty for the aforementioned sustained allegations.

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 'Lee', written over a white background.

Board Chair

cc: Mayor Kasim Reed
Council President Ceasar Mitchell
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