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October 24, 2017

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

RE: Complaint of Derese Alexander, ACRB File #17-042

Dear Chief Shields:

Please be advised that the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) has concluded its investigation and adjudication of the complaint filed by Derese Alexander alleging that on February 22, 2017, Special Police Officer Patrick Witter (Unique ID #4829) failed to conduct an adequate investigation, failed to complete an incident report and laughed at her when she expressed concern for her safety when he responded to her residence in response to her 911 call.

The Board determined that the **Appropriate Action Required allegation** against Officer Witter be assigned a finding of **Sustained and recommends that the officer receives a Written Reprimand and Training as it relates to stalking and protective-orders**. The board also strongly urges the APD to make the training available, if not mandatory, for all its officers.

The Board further determined that the **Conduct allegation** against Officer Witter be assigned a finding of **Sustained and recommends that the officer receives a Written Reprimand and Training on APD's policy governing courtesy (APD.SOP.2020, Section 4.2.2)**.

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
Members of the Atlanta City Council
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Executive Director Lee Reid