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November 20, 2017

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

RE: Complaint of Robert Lester, ACRB File #17-080

Dear Chief Shields:

Please be advised that the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) has concluded its investigation and adjudication of the complaint filed by Robert Lee Lester alleging that on June 7, 2017, Atlanta Police Officer Hodaiah Mitchell (Unique ID #6536) handcuffed and threw him to the ground. He further alleged that Officers Martin Shaft (Unique ID #6780), Edward Irby (Unique ID #4877) and Christopher Mercure (Unique ID #5431) pushed his head against the ground and placed their knees on his back.

The Board determined that the **Excessive Force allegation** against Officers Mitchell, Shaft, Irby and Mercure be assigned a finding of **Unfounded**.

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 B. Williams'.

Sherry B. Williams
Board Chair

cc: Mayor Kasim Reed
Council President Ceasar Mitchell
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Executive Director Lee Reid