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Ms. Sherry Williams
Atlanta Citizens Review Board
City Hall Tower, Suite 9100
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303



RE: 15-140

Dear Ms. Williams:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's letter pertaining to the complaint by **Mr. Alfonso Phillips** against **Officers Phillip Skidmore and Zachary Atha**, recommending that the allegations of **False Arrest and Excessive Force** be **Exonerated and Not Sustained** respectively against both officers.

At this time, the Office of Professional Standards has concluded its investigation into the allegation surrounding the complaint of Mr. Phillips. The investigation concluded the officer's actions pertaining to Mr. Phillips' arrest were lawful, proper, and within policy. The investigation did not substantiate Mr. Phillips' allegation of excessive force. For these reasons, the internal investigation resulted in a finding of **Exonerated** with regard to APD Work Rule 4.1.1 Appropriate Action on both Officers Atha and Skidmore, and a finding **Not Sustained** with regard to the allegation APD Work Rule 4.2.50 Maltreatment or Unnecessary Force. However, both officers were **Sustained** on a violation of APD Work Rule 4.2.33 Conformance to Directives after the investigation determined they did not follow APD.SOP.3010 with regard to supervisory notification when force is used. Both officers received an **Oral Admonishment**.

Major Celeste Murphy, Commander of the Office of Professional Standards, can be contacted at (404) 546-5945, if you have any further concerns regarding this complaint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "E. SHIELDS".

Erika Shields
Chief of Police

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