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June 27, 2017

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

RE: Complaint of Alfonso Phillips, ACRB File #15-140

Dear Chief Shields:

Please be advised that the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) has concluded its investigation and adjudication of the complaint filed by Alfonso Phillips alleging that on October 16, 2015, while at 879 Crew Street, Atlanta Police Officers Philip Skidmore (Unique ID #6326) and Zachary Atha (Unique ID #6314) falsely arrested him.

Mr. Phillips also alleged that Officers Skidmore and Atha used excessive force against him when they: (1) dragged him on the ground while handcuffed, causing aggravation to his hernia and abrasions to his leg, (2) handcuffed him too tightly, and (3) while at the Zone 3 Precinct's Holding Room, they slammed him on his back and handcuffed him too tightly to a bench.

Mr. Phillips further alleged that Officers Skidmore and Atha were verbally abusive towards him when they stated to him words to the effect, "*You ain't nothing but a crackhead nigger.*"

The Board determined that the **False Arrest allegation** against Officers Skidmore and Atha be assigned a finding of **Exonerated**. The Board further determined that **Excessive Force and Abusive Language allegations** against both officers be assigned a finding of **Not Sustained**.

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 be 'Lee', written over a white background.

Board Chair

cc: Mayor Kasim Reed
Council President Ceasar Mitchell
Members of the Atlanta City Council
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Executive Director Lee Reid