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January 19, 2018

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

RE: Complaint of Angelia Goodwin, ACRB  
File #17-034

Dear Chief Shields:

Please be advised that the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) has concluded its investigation and adjudication of the complaint filed by Angelia Goodwin alleging that on October 28, 2016, Atlanta Police Sergeant Michael McEckron (Unique ID #4472) was responsible for her getting falsely arrested and was verbally abusive when he said, “*Lock them two bitches up.*” Ms. Goodwin further alleged that during the arrest, an officer, whom she described as a tall black male, forcibly threw her on the couch, placed his knee into her back and handcuffed her very tightly.

Based on the investigation, Officers Dominick Smith (Unique ID #6782) and Darien Tabor (Unique ID #6779) were also deemed as subjects.

The Board determined the following:

- The allegation of **Appropriate Action Required, as it relates to the false arrest claim against Sergeant McEckron**, be assigned a finding of “**Unfounded.**” The Board also determined that the **allegation of Appropriate Action Required** against Officer Smith (the arresting officer) be assigned a finding of “**Not Sustained.**”
- The **allegation of Excessive Force** against Officers Smith and Tabor be assigned a finding of “**Not Sustained.**”
- The **allegation of Abusive Language** against **Sergeant McEckron** be assigned a finding of “**Not Sustained.**”
- Officer Smith’s report pertaining to this incident was not complete and accurate as per **APD.SOP.2010, Section 4.2.21** due to his failure to document in the report their entry into Ms. Goodwin’s residence and what occurred once they did so, such as Ms. Goodwin’s alleged resistance and the actions that were taken in order to get her into custody. **Therefore, the Board recommends that Officer Smith receives an Oral Admonishment as penalty.**

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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 'Sew', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sherry B. Williams  
Board Chair

cc: Mayor Keisha Lance-Bottoms  
Council President Felicia Moore  
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Executive Director Lee Reid