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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 Rusty Coley, ACRB File #17-060

Dear Chief Shields:

Please be advised that the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) has concluded its investigation and adjudication of the complaint filed by Rusty Coley alleging that on April 21, 2017, Atlanta Police Officer Ashley Tilley (Unique ID 6638) failed to take appropriate action when investigating his complaint that he had been physically assaulted by the owner of Delightful Eatz. Mr. Coley further alleged that Officer Tilley threatened to arrest him and inappropriately said to him, *“You look like someone that would hit a woman.”*

The Board determined the following:

- The **Appropriate Action Required allegation** against Officer Tilley be assigned a finding of **Exonerated**.
- The **Conduct allegation** against Officer Tilley be assigned a finding of **Not Sustained**.
- Officer Tilley failed to keep her Body Worn Camera (BWC) on continuous record mode, as per APD policy, while on this call. By failing to do so, parts of the encounter/incident were not captured, which would have memorialized the incident and may have helped to prove or disprove Mr. Coley’s allegations. Thus, the Board determined that the allegation of **Violation of Department Standard Operating Procedures**, specifically APD.SOP.3133, Section 4.3.4 against Officer Tilley be assigned a finding of **Sustained and recommends an Oral Admonishment as penalty**.

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).

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*Chief Erika Shields*  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sew' or 'Sherry', written in a cursive style.

Sherry B. Williams  
Board Chair

cc: Mayor Keisha Lance-Bottoms  
Council President Felicia Moore  
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