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

RE: 17-092

Dear Ms. Williams:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's letter pertaining to the complaint of Ms. Maria Barlow, recommending that the allegation of **Appropriate Action Required** be **Sustained** against **Officer Tommy Ho**.

At this time, the Office of Professional Standards has concluded its investigation into the allegation surrounding Ms. Barlow's complaint. The investigation substantiated Officer Ho's actions were within department policy and state law as related to the issue of Ms. Barlow's potential arrest for refusing to sign the citation. For this reason, the internal investigation resulted in a finding of **Exonerated** with regard to the allegation APD Work Rule 4.1.1 Appropriate Action.

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,

Erika Shields
Chief of Police

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Notes: The ACRB and OPS investigated all of Ms. Barlow's various complaints about Officer Ho's accident investigation (total of 5 issues). OPS and ACRB concurred on 4, but did not concur on the issue of Ms. Barlow feeling threatened about potentially being arrested for not signing the ticket. They sustained based on the fact Off. Ho did not thoroughly explain the state law to her, only telling her she could be arrested if she didn't sign. The responding supervisor did fully explain to her.