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Mr. Gino Brogdon Jr., Chair
Atlanta Citizens Review Board
City Hall Tower, Suite 9100
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: 16-129

Dear Mr. Brogdon:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's letter pertaining to the complaint of Mr. John Melcher, recommending that the allegation of **Excessive Force** be **Not Sustained** against **Officer Lawrence LoBianco**.

At this time, the Office of Professional Standards has concluded its investigation into the allegation surrounding Mr. Melcher's complaint. The investigation was unable to substantiate Mr. Melcher's allegations. For this reason, the internal investigation resulted in a finding of **Not Sustained** with regard to the allegation APD Work Rule 4.1.1 Appropriate Action. It should be noted the OPS investigation also concluded the supervising Sergeant was remiss in failing to complete a Use of Force Report as required by policy and was Sustained on APD Work Rule 4.2.33, Conformance to Directives. The Sergeant received corrective action.

As to the Board's recommendations regarding an officer rendering financial assistance to a victim, the Department will poll other agencies as well as consult with the Law Department and The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

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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