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Commissioner Patrick Ryder
Nassau County Police Department
1490 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, NY 11501

Via Email

Re: Letter regarding Executive Law § 75(5)(b) Referral of Officer Jerome Moore
OAG Matter No. 1-794588067

Dear Commissioner Ryder,

We have reviewed your agency's Executive Law § 75(5)(b) referral of complaints involving Police Officer Jerome Moore from October 2020 to September 2022. Based on our review, we have not established a pattern or practice of misconduct, use of excessive force, or acts of dishonesty on the part of Officer Moore.

However, we note that in Complaint CT 255-2022, which involved a traffic stop on September 8, 2022, Officer Moore's search of the vehicle likely extended beyond constitutional limits. Although Officer Moore's initial stop and pat down frisk of the driver were proper and he would have been justified in searching for the VIN given the driver's false inspection sticker, any search outside the scope of that search would be improper. Specifically, Officer Moore searched inside the center console, in the back seat area of the car, and behind the radio in the dash, but these areas lacked a causal connection to the inspection sticker investigation. Thus, the search of those areas would have been likely deemed unreasonable and resulted in suppressed evidence.

We recommend that NCPD take steps to ensure that Officer Moore is aware of the parameters of vehicle searches under New York State law.

We appreciate the cooperation of you and your agency.

Thank you,

Tyler Nims
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