

Office of the New York State Attorney General

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Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch New York City Police Department One Police Plaza New York, NY 10038

Via Email

Re: Letter regarding Executive Law § 75(5)(b) Referral of Lt. Alexander Bobo, OAG Matter No. 1-794796147

Dear Commissioner Tisch,

We have reviewed your agency's referral of Lt. Alexander Bobo pursuant to Executive Law Section 75(5)(b). Based on our review, we have concluded that Lt. Bobo engaged in a pattern of repeated improper entries into private residences in violation of the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution, Article I, Section 12 of the New York State Constitution, and NYPD policies and procedures.

Our findings are based on the following incidents:

- CCRB #201908128: On September 13, 2019, a complaint was filed on behalf of Complainant 1 alleging that several officers, including Lt. Bobo, engaged in misconduct during a search warrant execution. The Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) investigated this incident and substantiated that Lt. Bobo engaged in an illegal search when he entered an apartment not listed on the search warrant. CCRB found that there were no exigent circumstances to allow Lt. Bobo to enter a separate apartment from the address specifically listed on the signed search warrant. Lt. Bobo received command discipline under Schedule A as punishment.
- CCRB #202006972: On October 20, 2020, a complaint was filed on behalf of Complainant 2 alleging that several officers, including Lt. Bobo, engaged in misconduct during a request for service and mental health check. The CCRB investigated this incident and substantiated that Lt. Bobo engaged in an improper entrance and search of a residential apartment while attempting to locate Complainant 2. CCRB found that because it was unreasonable to believe that Complainant 2 was located inside the residential area, and there was no emergency allowing entrance into the apartment, Lt. Bobo was prohibited from entering or

searching the private apartment. CCRB recommended command discipline under Schedule B as punishment, but Lt. Bobo was not disciplined by the department.

- CCRB #202008138: On December 13, 2020, Complainant 3 filed a complaint alleging that several officers, including Lt. Bobo, engaged in misconduct during a call for service based on threats. The CCRB investigated this incident and substantiated that Lt. Bobo engaged in an improper entrance and search of Complainant 3's residential apartment. CCRB found that because it was unreasonable to believe that Complainant 3 had a weapon and Complainant 3 had at most made verbal threats, there were no exigent circumstances allowing entrance into the apartment. Therefore, Lt. Bobo was prohibited from entering or searching Complainant 3's private apartment. CCRB recommended formalized training and brought charges against Lt. Bobo. The disposition is still pending, but Lt. Bobo was placed on Level II Discipline Monitoring on January 25, 2022.

Based on the above incidents, we conclude that Lt. Bobo engaged in a pattern of unjustified searches of private residences contrary to federal and state law.

We understand that Lt. Bobo is currently on Level-II Discipline Monitoring. We recommend monitoring continue. We also request that NYPD develop a training plan involving exigent circumstances search principles.

Pursuant to Executive Law § 75(5)(c), please provide a written response within 90 days as to NYPD's response to these recommended remedial actions, including documentation of retraining for Lt. Bobo.

Thank you,

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