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

Via Email

Re: Executive Law § 75(5)(b) Referral of Detective Christina Moncion
OAG Matter No. 1-794794707

Dear Commissioner Tisch,

We have reviewed your agency's referral of Detective Christina Moncion pursuant to Executive Law Section 75(5)(b).¹ Based on our review, we have concluded that Detective Moncion engaged in a pattern of violations of the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1, Section 12 of the New York State Constitution.

Our findings are based on the following incidents:

- **CCRB 202002605:** On April 1, 2020, Officer Moncion stopped, frisked, and searched Complainant 1, who was standing at the intersection of East Gun Hill Road and Tryon Avenue in the Bronx. Complainant 1 was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and black sweatpants and had a carpet-cutting knife in one of his pants pockets and a large bottle of hand sanitizer and his cell phone in the front pocket of his sweatshirt. He also had his hands in his pockets. Complainant 1's friend, who was standing with him, was recording a video that was reviewed as part of the CCRB investigation. The video showed a non-descript bulge in the front pocket of Complainant 1's sweatshirt. Officer Moncion and her partner were driving in the area in an unmarked police vehicle when Officer Moncion exited the vehicle and approached Complainant 1. Prior to approaching him, Officer Moncion observed two bulges in Complainant 1's clothing and believed that he was behaving nervously. She stated that she also observed him turning away from the unmarked vehicle and pacing on the sidewalk, leading her to believe that Complainant 1 recognized the unmarked vehicle and

¹ Detective Moncion was promoted to her current rank on January 27, 2023. In the below complaint summaries, we refer to Det. Moncion using the rank she held at that time.

that he may have a firearm. Officer Moncion directed Complainant 1 to put his hands up and frisked the outside of the front pocket of his sweatshirt. Next, Officer Moncion removed Complainant 1's cell phone and the bottle of hand sanitizer from the front pocket of his sweatshirt. She also frisked Complainant 1's pants and removed the carpet-cutting knife from one of the pockets. The CCRB substantiated allegations that Officer Moncion's stop, frisk, and search of Complainant 1 were an abuse of authority because she lacked sufficient legal basis for her actions. The CCRB further found that Officer Moncion interfered with Complainant 1's friend's ability to record the incident and failed to provide Complainant 1 with her business card. Charges were brought against Officer Moncion for these violations, and the disposition is pending.

- **CCRB 202105538:** On September 15, 2021, Officer Moncion, Officer Gina Mestre, and Lieutenant Amadeo Oktrova stopped Complainant 2 while he was walking on Marion Avenue in the Bronx. Officer Moncion stated that she observed Complainant 2 switch directions and crouch behind a parked vehicle after noticing the unmarked police vehicle. Officer Mestre and Lieutenant Oktrova stated that they observed other behavior they caused them to believe Complainant 2 had either discarded a firearm or had a firearm on his person. Officer Mestre approached Complainant 2 first, grabbed his arms, and guided him toward a fence and began frisking him. When Officer Moncion approached, she held Complainant 2's right arm during the frisk. The CCRB substantiated the allegation that the officers' stop of Complainant 2 was an abuse of authority because they lacked sufficient legal basis for the stop. The NYPD imposed command discipline for this incident.
- **CCRB 202404685:** On May 12, 2024, Detective Moncion threatened to arrest and frisked Complainant 3 and searched the vehicle he was riding in. Complainant 3 was riding in the back seat of an Uber when Detective Moncion, Detective Yoeldy Espinal, and Officer Benito Cruz stopped the Uber to give Complainant 3 a warning because he was not wearing a seatbelt. Detective Moncion stated that when she approached the Uber, she observed Complainant 3 shifting back and forth in his seat and believed that he was trying to conceal something. She also stated that he appeared nervous, was breathing heavily, and spoke quietly. Detective Moncion asked Complainant 3 for identification and to step out of the vehicle. While Complainant 3 was getting out of the vehicle, he raised his hands near his shoulders. Detective Moncion instructed him to keep his hands up and then grabbed ahold of his sweatshirt, telling him again to step out of the vehicle. Complainant 3 asked why Detective Moncion was touching him and indicated that he was getting out of the vehicle. Detective Moncion responded "Keep your hands up, you're going to go in cuffs in two seconds, keep your hands up." Once Complainant 3 was out of the vehicle, Detective Moncion frisked his waistband area and pants pockets. Detective Moncion also searched the back seat of the vehicle where Complainant 3 was seated. The officers released Complainant 3 with a warning. The CCRB substantiated the allegations that Detective Moncion abused her authority by threatening to arrest Complainant 3, frisking Complainant 3, and searching the back seat of the vehicle, because she lacked sufficient legal basis for her actions. The CCRB also found that Detective Moncion failed to provide her business card to Complainant 3 or the Uber driver. The CCRB recommended training for this incident. To date, NYPD has not imposed any discipline or ordered additional training for Detective Moncion.

Four civil lawsuits have also been filed against Detective Moncion. Two matters were settled (one for \$400,000.00 and one for \$200,000.00), and two matters remain pending. The settled matters alleged an unlawful stop and search and false arrest and malicious prosecution.² In the case alleging false arrest and malicious prosecution, the criminal court issued an adverse credibility letter concerning Detective Moncion's testimony in the criminal matter.

Detective Moncion was placed on Level 1 discipline monitoring by NYPD in 2022.

Based on the three incidents described above, we conclude that Detective Moncion engaged in a pattern of misconduct involving repeated violations of the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1, Section 12 of the New York State Constitution. We recommend that NYPD develop a plan for addressing Detective Moncion's repeated misconduct that includes monitoring and re-training to ensure her compliance with the Fourth Amendment.

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 any training provided to Detective Moncion.

Thank you,

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² *Raymond Gomez, et al. v. The City of New York, et al.*, Index No. 800727/2023E; *Ronald Tricoche v. The City of New York, et al.*, Index No. 813610/2021E.