



**Office of the New York State
Attorney General**

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Chief Brendan Cox
Albany City Police Department
165 Henry Johnson Boulevard
Albany, NY 12210

Via Email

Re: Letter regarding Executive Law § 75(5)(b) Referral of Officer James Kittleman
OAG Matter No. 1-818888048

Dear Chief Cox,

The Office of the New York State Attorney General has reviewed your agency's Executive Law § 75(5)(b) referral of complaints involving Police Officer James Kittleman from November 2023 to October 2025.

Based on our review, we have not made a finding of a pattern or practice of misconduct, use of excessive force, or acts of dishonesty on the part of Officer Kittleman. However, we note that APD concluded that Officer Kittleman had been discourteous on several occasions since November 2023 (CC2023-055, CC2024-054, CC2025-033). At least two other complaints during this period involved similar allegations of discourtesy, although APD was not able to conclusively determine the nature of Officer Kittleman's conduct because there were no video or audio records.

Given these incidents, we recommend that Officer Kittleman be retrained on the importance of dealing with members of the public in a courteous and respectful manner. To the extent he engages in further discourteous conduct, the prior substantiated incidents should be taken into account when imposing discipline and APD should consider removing him from a role that involves taking calls or complaints from the public at South Station.

We appreciate your cooperation and that of your agency.

Thank you,

Tyler Nims
Chief, Law Enforcement Misconduct Investigative Office