



**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: Executive Law § 75(5)(b) Referral of Detective Sandor Burgos
OAG Matter No. 1-817979568

Dear Commissioner Tisch,

The Office of the New York State Attorney General has reviewed your agency's Executive Law § 75(5)(b) referral of complaints involving Detective Sandor Burgos. 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 by Detective Burgos with respect to the referred complaints.

However, we find that, on July 4th, 2023 in the vicinity of Kelly Street and East 163rd Street in the Bronx, Detective Burgos (who had not yet been promoted to Detective) and other officers stopped and frisked an individual without reasonable suspicion. Shortly after midnight on July 4th, 2023, officers were driving during routine patrol and saw a man sitting on a chair near the entrance to a building. After officers shined a flashlight at the man, he pointed his phone at them and then got up and walked down the street holding a small drawstring backpack. Other officers detained the man while then-Officer Burgos grabbed and frisked the backpack, finding only a cell phone and article of clothing in the bag. No contraband was recovered. In an associated SQF report, an officer wrote that the "bag ... appeared to have a heavy object in it" and that there was "a triangular outline in the bottom of the bag" that the officer believed was "created by a pistol concealed in the thin drawstring bag." However, body worn camera video does not show a triangular object in the bag and there is no view of the bag that suggests the presence of a firearm rather than an innocuous object. Under these circumstances, the detention of the individual and frisk of the bag were not appropriate. *See, e.g.*, People v. Gerard, 94 A.D.3d 592 (officers lacked reasonable suspicion to detain and frisk an individual wearing a coat with a weighted down area who walked away from police).

Because the administrative statute of limitations applicable to the conduct has expired, we are not recommending discipline. However, we recommend that Detective Burgos receive additional training on NYPD's policies and stop-and-frisk standards. Pursuant to Executive Law

§ 75(5)(c), please notify the OAG within 90 days of any actions your agency has taken in response to our recommendations. We also ask for documentation of remedial training provided to Detective Burgos.

Thank you and your agency for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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