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

***Via Email***

Re: Executive Law § 75(5)(b) Referral of Detective Adam Elmaadawy  
OAG Matter No. 1-794586567

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 Adam Elmaadawy from February 2019 to June 2024. Based on our review we have not made a finding of a pattern or practice of misconduct, excessive use of force, or acts of dishonesty by Det. Elmaadawy with respect to the referred complaints.

However, we do note significant deficiencies in the investigation of IAB Log 24-3578. There, Complainant 1 called the Internal Affairs Bureau to allege that then-Officer Elmaadawy and five other officers improperly entered and searched her apartment for her older son who no longer resided at the location. When the officers knocked on her apartment door, only her 17-year-old son was present. The minor explained to the officers that he was alone, that his brother no longer resided at the apartment, and that he was on his way to school. Officer Elmaadawy asked for consent to search the apartment but did not explain to the minor that he was not required to consent. The minor assented and the officers entered and searched the apartment.

The IAB investigative file contains a brief summary of the available body-worn camera footage, but no acknowledgement of the individual's apparent youth or the officers' failure to advise that voluntary consent was needed to conduct the search. Without any written discussion or analysis of the facts, IAB exonerated the officers. However, the Civilian Complaint Review Board independently investigated the incident and correctly found that the consent provided by the minor was invalid given his lack of apparent authority to provide consent, rendering the subsequent search unlawful. *See* CCRB Case 202401630 (citing *People v. Adams*, 53 N.Y. 2d 1 (1981)). The officers' failure to provide the required advisories also violated local law and NYPD policy. *See* NYPD Operational Order 50(16); N.Y.C. Admin. Code § 14-173. To ensure adequate IAB

investigations, we recommend that IAB require investigators to detail the bases for their findings in writing and with reference to relevant NYPD policy and law.

We request a written response within 90 days as to NYPD's remedial actions pursuant to Executive Law § 75(5)(c).

We appreciate the cooperation of you and your agency.

Thank you,

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Office of the New York State Attorney General