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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 Specialist Jonathan Torres
OAG Matter No. 1-817981788
Tax No. 971706

Dear Commissioner Tisch,

We have reviewed your agency's referral of Detective Specialist Jonathan Torres pursuant to Executive Law Section 75(5)(b). Based on our review, we have concluded that Detective Specialist Torres engaged in a pattern of wrongful frisks and searches while working as a Police Officer assigned to the 40th Precinct.

Our findings are based on the following incidents:

- **CCRB No. 202203603** – On June 4, 2022, while responding to a reported neighbor dispute, officers responded to an apartment building. When interacting with one of the involved residents, officers learned there was an I-card conveying probable cause to arrest someone living in that resident's home. Officers, including then-Officer Torres, entered the home and arrested the individual. CCRB investigated and substantiated the allegation that Officer Torres abused his authority by entering the home during the interaction because the I-card did not establish the exigent circumstances required to enter the home without a warrant. CCRB recommended Command Discipline A be imposed, but NYPD did not impose discipline.
- **CCRB No. 202310189** – On September 30, 2023, while on patrol, then-Officer Torres stopped a driver and proceeded to question him and search the vehicle. Officer Torres told the CCRB that he saw an open bottle of alcohol. However, CCRB investigated and determined that the bottle had been opened but then resealed and thus did not constitute an open container. In the absence of any indication that the alcohol had been consumed in the vehicle, Officer Torres lacked sufficient evidence to conduct the vehicle search. CCRB

recommended Command Discipline A, which was implemented and resulted in the loss of 0.38 vacation days.

- **CCRB No. 202310662** – On November 10, 2023, while on patrol, then-Officer Torres stopped a driver for a seatbelt violation. Officer Torres frisked the driver and felt a rectangular object in the driver's pocket. The officers involved then frisked the driver and searched the backseat of the vehicle. CCRB investigated and substantiated the allegations that Officer Torres abused his authority by frisking the driver's chest because the driver's blading did not provide any credible basis to suspect the driver possessed a weapon. CCRB recommended Command Discipline A for this allegation, which was implemented and resulted in the loss of 3 vacation days.

We recommend Detective Specialist Jonathan Torres be given additional training on *De Bour* and search and seizure law.

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.

Thank you,

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