

# ACRB Board Meeting

March 9, 2023

## ACRB CASE NO. 22-012

APD Officer Involved: Austin Thigpen

*Case Investigated by: Brian Fleming*

### I. Allegation of Appropriate Action

*❖ Issue: The Complainant's allegation that Officer Thigpen falsely arrested him.*

Based on the evidence obtained during the investigation, the ACRB staff recommends that the allegation of **Appropriate Action Required** against Officer Austin Thigpen be assigned a finding of **"Exonerated"** (the investigation established that the alleged act(s) occurred but were justified, legal or properly with Departmental policy).

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### II. Allegation of Violation of Department Standard Operating Procedures

❖ *Issue: The Complainant's allegation that Officer Thigpen illegally towed his vehicle..*

Based on the evidence obtained during the investigation, the ACRB recommends that the allegation of Violation of Department Standard Operating Procedures against Officer Austin Thigpen be assigned a finding of "Exonerated" (the investigation established that the alleged act(s) occurred but were justified, legal or properly with Departmental policy).

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**DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

**Vote:** Accept or Reject recommended discipline against  
Officer Thigpen for the “Sustained” allegation of  
Abusive Language.

**Officer Involved:** Austin Thigpen

**Tally:** Motion Passed or Failed

## ACRB CASE NO. 22-013

APD Officers Involved: Matthew Gordon and Aiyonna Parks

*Case Investigated by: Ronald Jackson*

### Allegation Summary

The Female Complainant alleged that on November 8, 2021, Atlanta Police Officers Matthew Gordon and Aiyonna Parks: (1) falsely arrested her, (2) used abusive language when they shouted profanities at her, (3) used excessive force when they used their batons to bust out her car windows, pull her out of her vehicle, punch her in the face multiple times, and twisted her arms while placing her in handcuffs, and (4) treated her inhumanly when they placed her in the patrol car, turned the heat up, refused to lower the windows and give her water after she complained that she could not breathe.

*This case has four (4) allegations.*

**ACRB CASE NO. 22-013**

**APD Officers Involved:** Officers Matthew Gordon and Aiyonna Parks

*Case Investigated by: Ronald Jackson*

**I. Allegation of Appropriate Action Required**

❖ *Issue: The Complainant's allegation that Officers Gordon and Parks falsely arrested her.*

Based on the evidence obtained during the investigation, the ACRB staff recommends that the allegation of **Appropriate Action Required** against Officers Matthew Gordon and Aiyonna Parks be assigned a finding of **"Exonerated"** (*the investigation established that the alleged acts occurred but were justified, legal or properly within Department policy*).

## ACRB CASE NO. 22-013

APD Officers Involved: Officers Matthew Gordon and Aiyonna Parks

*Case Investigated by: Ronald Jackson*

### II. Allegation of Abusive Language

❖ *Issue: The Complainant's allegation that Officers Gordon and Parks used abusive language when they shouted profanities at her.*

Based on the evidence obtained during the investigation, the ACRB staff recommends that the allegation of **Abusive Language** against Officers Matthew Gordon and Aiyonna Parks be assigned a finding of **"Not Sustained"** (*the investigation failed to prove or disprove that the alleged act(s) occurred*).

## ACRB CASE NO. 22-013

APD Officers Involved: Officers Matthew Gordon and Aiyonna Parks

*Case Investigated by: Ronald Jackson*

### III. Allegation of Excessive Force

❖ *Issue: The Complainant's allegation that Officers Gordon and Parks used excessive force on her.*

Based on the evidence obtained during the investigation, the ACRB staff recommends that the allegation of **Excessive Force** against Officers Matthew Gordon and Aiyonna Parks be assigned a finding of **"Exonerated"** (*the investigation established that the alleged acts occurred but were justified, legal or properly within Department policy*).

## ACRB CASE NO. 22-013

APD Officers Involved: Officers Matthew Gordon and Aiyonna Parks

Case Investigated by: Ronald Jackson:

### IV. Allegation of Violation of Department of Standard Operating Procedures

❖ *Issue: The Complainant's allegation that Officers Gordon and Parks treated her inhumanely when they placed her in their patrol car, turned the heat up, refused to lower the windows, and offer her water after she complained that she could not breathe.*

Based on the evidence obtained during the investigation, the ACRB staff recommends that the allegation of **Violation of Department of Standard Operating Procedures** against Officers Matthew Gordon and Aiyonna Parks be assigned a finding of "**Unfounded**" (*the investigation established that the alleged acts of misconduct did not occur*).

**ACRB CASE NO. 22-030**

**APD Officers Involved: Investigator Gary Walker**

*Case Investigated by: Brian Fleming*

**Allegation Summary**

The Male Complainant alleged that on January 22, 2022, Atlanta Police Investigator Gary Walker failed to conduct an investigation into his July 9, 2021, alleged assault claim.

*This case has one (1) allegation.*

**ACRB CASE NO. 22-030**

APD Officers Involved: Investigator Gary Walker

*Case Investigated by: Brian Fleming*

**Allegation of Appropriate Action Required**

❖ *Issue: The Complainant's allegation that Investigator Walker failed to investigate his complaint after their August 18, 2021, telephone conversation.*

Based on the evidence obtained during the investigation, the ACRB staff recommends that the allegation of **Appropriate Action Required** against Investigator Gary Walker be assigned a finding of **"Exonerated"** (*the investigation established that the alleged acts occurred but were justified, legal or properly within Department policy*).