



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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William Cannon, Esq., Chair
Police Advisory Commission
P.O. Box 147
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Re: Commission Complaint No. 000866
Marlon Brandon
(Sergeant Samarco and Police Officer Harrison)

Dear Chairman Cannon:

I am in receipt of your letter and the Opinion of the Commission in the above referenced matter. The Police Department accepts the Police Advisory Commission's Opinion. The Police Department also determined that the allegations complained of were not sustained. The Police Department and Police Commissioner Johnson are committed to insuring that all citizens coming in contact with members of the Department are treated professionally and fairly, including members of Philadelphia's gay, lesbian, transsexual and transgender communities. To this end, Commissioner Johnson continues to support the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Police Liaison Committee that was established by Commissioner Timoney. Inspector Tiano and Brad Richman, Esquire are his representatives and serve on the board of the Committee.

Further, the Police Department implemented a Police Detention Unit policy that mandates the professional and courteous treatment of gay, lesbian transsexual and transgender arrestees. A copy of this policy was forwarded to the Commission when it was implemented. The Police Department is also planning to use the assistance of the Commission on Human Relations to assist with additional advance training in preparation for the significant changes to the ethnic intimidation laws. The Police Department will continue its sensitivity awareness training and will continue to hold officers accountable for mistreatment of the public.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully yours,

Sylvester M. Johnson
Police Commissioner

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