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Erica D. Atwood, Interim Executive Director
Police Advisory Commission
990 Spring Garden Street, Suite 705
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RE: PAC Investigation of Erica Koschman's Death, PAC #15-002-SI

Dear Director Atwood:

Respectfully, I have reviewed the Police Advisory Commission's report and recommendations concerning the investigation by the Philadelphia Police Department into the death of Ms. Koschman. Thank you for the work that was clearly put into this investigation. Consequently, I agree that standard protocols should be established and implemented when conducting suicide investigations.

Please be advised the Philadelphia Police Department, through Deputy Commissioner Dennis Wilson, is currently in the process of reviewing the protocols when conducting all types of investigations by the Detective Bureau and this will include suicide investigations by Divisional Detectives. Your recommendations will be submitted to Deputy Wilson for consideration when drafting these protocols.

Again, thank you very much for the time and effort the Police Advisory Commission has dedicated to this investigation. I am certain that your efforts, along with Deputy Commissioner Wilson's will result in positive changes in how suicide investigations are conducted in the future.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Ross, Jr.
Police Commissioner