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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE STEVE C. JONES  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE TIMOTHY C. BATTEN, SR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE CHARLES A. PANNELL, JR.

As President of IBPO Local 623 (International Brotherhood of Police Officers – Union for the Atlanta Police Department), I wanted to express concerns that the Union Leadership feel our members, and other Officers in the Atlanta Police Department, may be unjustly facing. Judges, as you well know, Civil Actions 1:11-CV-3398-SCJ (Felicia Anderson vs City of Atlanta), 1:09-cv-3286-TCB (Calhoun, et al., v Pennington, et al.), and 1:11-CV-3334-CAP (Jason Walker et al. vs Kasim Reed, et al.), ORDERED and mandated training be given to APD Officers regarding Search & Seizure, the Law About Photographing Police Activity, and the Law Regarding Public Strip Searches. After familiarizing the IBPO Leadership with the Court Orders, and having multiple conversations concerning the topics, adequate training on these issues appears to have fallen short of the intended outcome.

IBPO Local 623 fundamentally believes that the CITY of ATLANTA should adhere to and follow any COURT ORDERED training to ensure that the Rank-and-File of the Atlanta Police Department meet and/or exceed the courts expected standards. Any shortcoming in these expectations increases the risk of disciplinary actions towards the officers, and further creates the possibility of criminal and/or civil liabilities. IBPO Local 623 Leadership believes that there is a disconnect in what actual training has been given and believes that the topics of the said listed Civil Actions should, in haste, be fulfilled to the extent of the respective COURT ORDERS.

Inquiries of Atlanta Police Officers, in regards to the aforementioned training, vetted a multitude of answers and training discrepancies. IBPO Local 623 Leadership agrees that these particular topics of court-ordered training are of the utmost importance and ALL standards must be met and maintained, to prevent conflicts of interest and future liabilities.

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