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May 23, 2023

Ms. Bermeeka Mitchell

389 Covington Woods, Apt. #302
 Lansing, Kansas 66043

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

In reference to your complaint filed at the Office of Community Complaints on September 12, 2022, alleging Excessive Use of Force on the part of members of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department (Department), I wish to inform you that a thorough investigation of your complaint has been made, and the investigation file has been carefully examined by the staff of the Office of Community Complaints.

It is the recommendation of the Office of Community Complaints that your complaint of Excessive Use of Force (violation of policy and procedures) should be sustained against the subject member. Therefore, there was evidence that the officer failed to follow proper procedures, and disciplinary action was taken against the subject member. There was no action taken against the other department members regarding their involvement in this matter. Please be advised that the Board of Police Commissioners and the Office of the Chief of Police have been apprised of your complaint and the outcome of this investigation.

Further, this office and the Board of Police Commissioners would like to apologize for the span of time it took for us to investigate your complaint. We believe the extensive amount of time spent on this investigation was necessary in order to achieve a fair and impartial recommendation. It was a lengthy and thorough investigation which, in our opinion, accomplished the appropriate resolution.

EXHIBIT A

I wish to apologize for any inconvenience you may have encountered during the incident and appreciate your cooperation in this matter. I sincerely feel that future contacts you may have with members of the Department will occur under more pleasant circumstances.

Sincerely,

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Merrell R. Bennekin

Executive Director

Office of Community Complaints

EXHIBIT A