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**CCRB Chair Davie Statement on Trial Date of Officer Pantaleo**

**New York, NY** – The Civilian Complaint Review Board’s (CCRB) Administrative Prosecution Unit today took the first step toward a trial of the officer involved in Eric Garner’s death. Following today’s initial conference, a trial has been scheduled for 10 days beginning on May 13, 2019.

CCRB Chair Fred Davie issued the following statement:

“For justice for Eric Garner and for every New Yorker whose faith in our police department we must fight to enhance—our prosecutors stand ready to prosecute Officer Pantaleo. At trial, we will bring evidence to the court proving Officer Pantaleo’s excessive and unnecessary use of force.”

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*The New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) is the largest police oversight entity in the nation and is empowered to investigate, mediate, prosecute, and recommend disciplinary action for complaints alleging misconduct by NYPD officers. See NYC Charter § 440(c)(1). The agency's jurisdiction includes excessive and unnecessary force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, and use of offensive language. To further this mission, CCRB issues monthly, biannual, and special statistical and qualitative reports analyzing trends and recurring issues arising from the many thousands of civilian complaints it receives each year.*