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CCRB Chair Davie Applauds Court Ruling Allowing Online Viewers of Police Misconduct Videos to File Complaints

Agency to pursue rulemaking process on sexual misconduct

New York, NY – New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) Chair Fred Davie issued a statement Thursday regarding the First Department’s decision in *Patrick J. Lynch and the Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association of the City of New York v. the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board, Frederick Davie, and James P. O’Neill*:

“The Appellate Division’s ruling today is a major step toward bringing our system of police accountability into the 21st century. In an age when anyone, anywhere can see police misconduct on social media, the evening news, or elsewhere, any requirement for an individual to have personally witnessed misconduct simply is an impediment to the disciplinary process.

“The court did not dispute that sexual misconduct is indeed an abuse of authority. The CCRB is committed to pursuing the rulemaking process expeditiously so that all civilians have a clear avenue to report NYPD sexual misconduct to an independent entity as soon as possible.”

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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.