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## FACSIMILE COVERSHEET

TO: Wylie Stecklow

**FAX OF RECIPIENT: 212-202-4952** 

**FR:** Supervisor Joy Stueven

**PHONE OF SENDER:** 212-676-6026

RE: CCRB #200705829 - Vazquez, Richard

**DATE:** July 30,2008

## COMMENTS:

Mr. Stecklow

The following is the CCRB disposition letter which was sent to Mr. Vazquez. The other victims were sent identical letters. Please call if you have any questions.

- Joy Stueven

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July 9, 2008

Mr. Richard Vazquez 612 Keith Lane West Islip, NY 11795

Re: CCRB case number 200705829

Dear Mr. Vazquez:

Following a thorough and impartial investigation by the Civilian Complaint Review Board's investigative staff, the Board reviewed the evidence regarding the above-referenced complaint. I am now writing to inform you of the Board's findings on the allegation(s) raised by this complaint.

Allegation(s) by letter:

Board finding(s):

A) Abuse of Authority:

Sgt. Timothy Horohoe arrested Jordan Groh.

Exonerated

B) Force:

Sgt. Timothy Horohoe used

physical force against Richard Vazquez.

Substantiated (Charges)

C) Abuse of Authority:

Sgt. Timothy Horohoe arrested

Christian Gutierrez.

Unsubstantiated

D) Other:

Sgt. Timothy Horohoe

intentionally made false official

statements to the CCRB.

Other Misconduct (No Rec.)

For an explanation of Board findings, please refer to the enclosed form, which details what each finding means.

In this case, the Board substantiated one or more allegations raised by the complaint. Under New York City law, the Civilian Complaint Review Board has the authority to investigate certain types of complaints against police officers, make findings of fact, and forward its recommendations to the Police Commissioner. Only the Police Commissioner has the authority to actually impose discipline against a police officer. Consequently, the CCRB is forwarding this case to the Police Commissioner and the Department Advocate's Office of the New York City Police Department, which is responsible for prosecuting administrative charges against police officers. Please be aware that in certain cases police officers are entitled by law to an administrative hearing before the Department can impose disciplinary penalties; in such a case you may be asked by the Department

Advocate's Office to testify at an administrative proceeding.

If you have any questions about the current status of your case at the Police Department, please contact Hiram Lopez at (646)-610-5483. Mr. Lopez is the chief of the unit at the Department Advocate's Office assigned to prosecute cases substantiated by the Civilian Complaint Review Board.

The integrity and quality of the Police Department's service to the public depends, in large part, upon receiving information regarding the performance of police officers as they carry out their duties. The Civilian Complaint Review Board appreciates your willingness to participate in this extremely important process.

Sincerely,

Joan M. Thompson Executive Director

Enclosure