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CCRB Statement on Respondent's Action on Pantaleo Trial

New York, NY – New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) Chair Fred Davie issued the following statement Tuesday after Stuart London, attorney for Officer Daniel Pantaleo, requested a preliminary injunction and a temporary restraining order in an effort to prohibit the CCRB from prosecuting Pantaleo:

“Respondent’s counsel is once again making a baseless attempt to delay Officer Pantaleo’s prosecution. Deputy Commissioner of Trials Rosemarie Maldonado previously ruled that the Administrative Prosecution Unit has jurisdiction to prosecute the case against Officer Pantaleo.

“Not surprisingly, today New York State Supreme Court Justice Joan Madden denied respondent’s counsel’s similar request for a temporary restraining order. We are confident that on May 9 Judge Madden also will deny the application for a preliminary injunction.

“With closure for the Garner family hanging in the balance, the trial for Officer Pantaleo must proceed as scheduled and not be further delayed by these meritless maneuvers.”

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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.