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CCRB Chair Davie: ‘A Desperate Effort to Delay Prosecution’

New York, NY – New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) Chair Fred Davie issued the following statement Thursday after the final pre-trial hearing prior to the prosecution of Officer Daniel Pantaleo at 1 Police Plaza:

“As Pantaleo’s lawyer makes last-ditch efforts to disparage the character of witnesses and shamelessly seek vacation time for his client, the Administrative Prosecution Unit remains focused on the facts.

“The fact that Pantaleo’s lawyer continues in a desperate effort to delay prosecution is an utter disgrace. After five years, it’s high time for justice for the Garner family.

“The Civilian Complaint Review Board’s attorneys stand ready to prosecute this case on the merits beginning on May 13.”

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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.