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## **CCRB Statement on DOJ Decision Not to Charge Pantaleo**

**New York, NY** – New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) Chair Fred Davie issued the following statement Tuesday, following the Justice Department’s announcement that it will not bring federal charges against Officer Daniel Pantaleo:

*“After five years of waiting for a decision from the federal government, my heart breaks for Gwen Carr, the Garner family, the City of New York, and all those across this nation whose eyes long have been upon this case. It is an utter travesty that the Justice Department waited until the eve of the fifth anniversary of Eric Garner’s death to announce that it would not pursue charges.*”

*“Our last hope for justice in this case lies with the Police Commissioner. CCRB prosecutors presented evidence at trial that showed—unequivocally—that Officer Pantaleo engaged in misconduct worthy of termination. The evidence directly contradicts the statements made earlier today by the United States Attorney for the Eastern District.*”

*“Regardless of the political motivations for the Justice Department’s failure to act, its decision should have no impact on the NYPD’s disciplinary process, which has a different standard of proof. For the sake of justice and police accountability in the City of New York, the Commissioner must fire Daniel Pantaleo from the New York City Police Department.”*

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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.*