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**CCRB Chair to Police Commissioner: ‘Fire Pantaleo’**

**New York, NY** – Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) Chair Fred Davie issued the following statement Wednesday following prosecutors’ submission of responses to the verdict in the Pantaleo trial. The verdict and responses from CCRB attorneys and Pantaleo’s attorneys now head to Police Commissioner James P. O’Neill:

*“With responses from CCRB prosecutors and attorneys for Officer Pantaleo in, we now await a final decision from the Police Commissioner.*

*“Due process ran its course. After a thorough investigation and a fair trial, the Deputy Commissioner of Trials—a judge employed by the NYPD—determined that Pantaleo is no longer fit to serve as a member of the NYPD. Commissioner O’Neill must uphold the verdict and fire Pantaleo.*

*“New Yorkers’ faith in our system of police accountability is contingent upon the Commissioner’s decision. More importantly, after five long years, Eric Garner’s family and the City of New York deserve closure.”*

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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.*