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CCRB Statement on Pantaleo Trial

New York, NY – New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) Chair Fred Davie issued the following statement Thursday after Supreme Court Justice Joan A. Madden denied a request by Stuart London, attorney for Officer Daniel Pantaleo, for a preliminary injunction in an effort to prohibit the CCRB from prosecuting Pantaleo:

“As Deputy Commissioner of Trials Rosemarie Maldonado already decided and Justice Madden today confirmed, the Civilian Complaint Review Board is the appropriate body to prosecute Officer Pantaleo.

“The CCRB’s prosecutors are ready to begin the trial on Monday. We anticipate a fair and thorough process as we move toward closure for the Garner family and the City of New York.”

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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.