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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 Wednesday:

“Today, the CCRB objected to the admission of Officer Pantaleo’s statement to NYPD Internal Affairs into the record. As the judge stated, there are three requirements for evidence to be admitted into the record: probative value, materiality, and reliability.

“One of the bedrock guarantees of reliability is cross-examination. Admitting the statement without cross-examination allowed fundamentally unreliable evidence into the record. This is unprecedented, and Officer Pantaleo should not be getting special treatment.”

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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.