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Monday, November 13, 2023

Mr. Donovan A. Livaccari 101 W. Robert E. Lee, Suite 402 New Orleans, LA 70124

Re:

Merlin Bush VS.

Department of Police Docket Number: 9506

Dear Mr. Livaccari:

Attached is the action of the Civil Service Commission at the Commission's meeting on Monday, 11/13/2023.

Yours very truly,

Doddie K. Smith

Chief, Management Services Division

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CC:

Anne E. Kirkpatrick Elizabeth S. Robins Merlin Bush

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IN RE:

Merlin Bush v. Department of Police

Docket No: 9506 - Civil Service Commission

ORDER

Before the Commission was a motion by the Parties for the Commission to approve a settlement agreement reached by the parties. Upon consideration, the Commission finds that Parties have reached an amicable resolution which is attached hereto. Therefore:

The Parties' motion is hereby GRANTED.

Judgment rendered this 13th day of November, 2023

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MERLIN BUSH

V.

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

CS No. 9506

NOW COME the parties, Appellant, Merlin Bush, and the Appointing Authority, the New Orleans Police Department ("NOPD"), through undersigned counsel, who represent that they have reached an Agreement to resolve the above-captioned matter, prior to and in lieu of proceeding with the Civil Service hearing scheduled on October 25, 2023, pursuant to CS Rule II, Section 6.7.

Specifically, NOPD agrees to modify the discipline issued under PIB 2021-0659-R by reducing the five (5) day suspension without pay to a Letter of Reprimand. NOPD will also reimburse the Appellant the wages and emoluments for five (5) working days of suspension served, correct his disciplinary history, and include this Agreement in the Appellant's personnel file in addition to the original discipline letter.

Considering the foregoing terms of resolution offered by NOPD, the Appellant agrees to and does withdraw his appeal in the above-captioned matter, as confirmed by the signature of the Appellant's counsel below.

WHEREFORE, the parties, through their respective undersigned counsel, request that this Agreement be entered into the record and presented to the Civil Service Commission for acknowledgment and approval at its next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth S. Robins, LSB #25224 1300 Perdido Street, Rm 5E03 New Orleans, LA 70112 Counsel for Dept. of Police

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Donovan Livaccari, LSB #29318 101 Robert E. Lee Blvd., Suite 402 New Orleans, LA 70124 Counsel for Merlin Bush

Date