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Edward Caban Police Commissioner New York City Police Department 1 Police Plaza New York, NY 10038

Re: OAG Matter No. 1-794654647

Executive Law § 75(5)(b) Referral of Lt. Jose Deschamps

Dear Commissioner Caban:

We have reviewed your agency's Executive Law §75(5)(b) referral of complaints involving Lt. Jose Deschamps from April 2019 to March 2022.

Based on our review, we have not made a finding of a pattern or practice of misconduct, use of excessive force or acts of dishonesty by Lt. Deschamps.

However, we highlight that in one instance (CCRB complaint #201906062), Lt. Deschamps unnecessarily escalated the situation with the arrested person, used inappropriate language, and displayed disrespect towards the civilians nearby. In another instance (CCRB complaint #201909664), Lt. Deschamps refused to take a civilian complaint at the precinct and instead told the civilian that she should contact the CCRB to lodge a complaint. We recommend that he be retrained on the importance of professionalism and courtesy.

We appreciate the cooperation of you and your agency.

Thank you,

Tyler Nims Chief Law Enforcement Misconduct Investigative Office