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VIA FIRST CLASS & CERTIFIED RETURNED RECEIPT MAIL

Melina Cardona

Re: ODA Case Tracking Nos. 1105078-02 and 1105078-03

Dear Ms. Cardona:

During a pre-trial conference at the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH) held on September 4, 2018, a Stipulation of Settlement was entered into between you, your attorney, and this agency in settlement of the charges identified by ODA Case Tracking Nos. 1105078-02 and 1105078-03 (see attached).

As per the Stipulation of Settlement, you agreed to a twenty-five (25) day penalty to be apportioned as follows:

- 1. Twenty (20) calendar day suspension already served (10 day immediate suspension served from 4/26/18 5/9/18, and 10 day immediate suspension served from 8/14/18 8/27/18);
- 2. A five (5) day suspension shall be held in abeyance for a period of nine (9) months (from 9/4/18 6/4/19). If, during this period, you commit misconduct in violation of the same DHS policies charged herein, specifically DHS police polices regarding (a) use of excessive force, (b) being courteous and professional in contact with clients and other staff, (c) threatening and/or intimidating a member of the public, and (d) failure to report an arrest within seventy-two (72) hours, the incidents will be reviewed by the Office of Disciplinary Affairs (ODA) at a Step I/Informal Conference. If you are found to have engaged in any of the above incidents of misconduct during the time period during the indicated, the penalty held in abeyance will be implemented. The abeyance period will be tolled by any leaves of absences over five (5) days or any disciplinary suspensions.

- 3. This penalty will be considered twenty-five (25) days for progressive discipline regardless of whether the penalty held in abeyance is triggered.
- 4. As part of this settlement agreement, you agreed to waive your rights to an administrative hearing/proceeding at OATH or arbitration to contest the instant charge (tracking numbers 1105078-02 and 1105078-03).

We remind you that you are expected to conform to departmental regulations and standards of conduct so that further disciplinary action against you will not be necessary. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact your union representative.

Sincerely,

Mark George

Supervising Disciplinary Coordinator

Office of Disciplinary Affairs

Enclosure

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