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***STATEMENT ON GREGORY EDWARDS, STATEN ISLANDER WHO
WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY NYPD OFFICERS TUESDAY MORNING***

(New York, NY) – **Christopher Pisciotta, Attorney-In-Charge of the Staten Island Trial Office at The Legal Aid Society**, released the following statement on Gregory Edwards, a former Legal Aid client who was shot and killed by New York City Police Department (NYPD) officers Tuesday morning in Staten Island:

“Our hearts ache for Mr. Edwards’ family and his community who suffer these tragedies regularly and more than any community should endure. City Hall and the NYPD must work towards ways to deescalate these situations that too often end in gunfire and loss of life.

The NYPD has told its side of the story, now it’s time for the Department to release all unredacted body-worn-camera footage along with the names of the officers involved in this shooting. Mr. Edwards’ family is entitled to a full and objective account of this incident.”

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