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QUEENS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE RELEASES LIST OF NYPD OFFICERS WITH ADVERSE CREDIBILITY FINDINGS

(QUEENS, NY) – **The Legal Aid Society** welcomed the <u>release</u> by the Queens District Attorney's Office of the names of New York City Police Department (NYPD) officers whose credibility that office has found deficient. Earlier this month, Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez <u>released</u> a list of officers found incredible. In October, Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark <u>released</u> a similar list, albeit heavily redacted.

"New Yorkers should be able to rely on police officers to tell the truth, but too often, that is not the case, and officers are caught telling lies on the witness stand and in their official reports," said **Tim Rountree**, **Attorney-In-Charge of the Queens Trial Office at The Legal Aid Society.** "We welcome this list from the Queens County District Attorney's Office, however, this is just a small step towards the transparency required to root out problems of police misconduct. This speaks to the larger problem of police secrecy in New York, where officers are able to hide their misconduct records behind Civil Rights Law 50a. We hope New York's DAs and others seeking transparency in police misconduct will join us in calling for the legislature to repeal 50a this session so that we can have more transparent and accountable policing in New York."

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