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***NYS DOCCS CANCELS WARRANT FOR NICHOLAS FELICIANO,
LAS CLIENT CURRENTLY IN CRITICAL CONDITION OVER A
SUICIDE ATTEMPT AT RIKERS ISLAND***

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society released the following statement in response to the New York State Department of Correction and Community Supervision cancelling the parole warrant against

Nicholas Feliciano, an 18-year-old Legal Aid client who recently attempted suicide in New York City Department of Correction custody at Rikers Island and who remains in critical condition at Elmhurst Hospital in Queens.

“We are relieved that the New York State Department of Correction and Community Supervision cancelled the parole warrant pending against Nicholas Feliciano, our client who is still battling for his life at Elmhurst Hospital in Queens. However, this does not abate our concerns over the New York City Department of Correction’s failure to properly screen and address Mr. Feliciano’s mental health issues, which were known to the City at the time of his remand. Moreover, this tragedy further underscores the need for Albany to enact comprehensive parole reform legislation immediately next session to address cases like Nicholas’, where the alleged violation of parole does not rise to the level of a new criminal charge. We join with Nicholas and his family at this hour hoping for a speedy and full recovery.”

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