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Statement on DA Vance Dismissing Remaining Charges Pending Against Joseph Troiano, LAS Client in NYPD Subway Assault Case

(NEW YORK, NY) – Edda Ness, Staff Attorney with the Manhattan Trial Office at The Legal Aid Society, released the following statement responding to the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office dismissal of the remaining charge (resisting arrest) pending in a case from earlier this spring against Joseph Troiano, a Legal Aid client who was [brutally assaulted](#) by New York City Police Department (NYPD) officers while riding the subway:

“This remaining charge, which lacked any legal basis, should have been dismissed months ago. Also, it is unconscionable that the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, along with Mayor de Blasio and NYPD Commissioner Shea, absolved officers Adonis Long and Shimul Saha of any wrongdoing, despite clear video showing how the pair singled out our client and then resorted to violence on first impulse.

This case underscores, among other systemic issues, the overwhelming need for an independent NYPD disciplinary system, devoid of influence from the Department, City Hall and police unions, with the power to impose meaningful consequences, commensurate with the misconduct committed. Until we have that model, videos will continue to surface of NYPD officers brutalizing innocent New Yorkers with impunity.”

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