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Legal Aid Statement on the Death of Albert Drye, the Eighth New Yorker to Pass in DOC Custody this Year

(NEW YORK, NY) - **The Legal Aid Society** issued the following statement on the death of [Albert Drye](#), a Legal Aid client who recently passed away in New York City Department of Correction custody:

“We are both heartbroken and outraged to learn of Albert Drye’s passing. He is the eighth New Yorker to die in Department of Correction custody in 2022 and the second in as many days.

So far, DOC has refused to provide Mr. Drye’s lawyers with the most basic information concerning his passing, and this is an all-too-common scenario that we - along with client’s family members, friends and community - routinely face in these tragic situations.

We demand immediate answers from the City and the jail medical staff about the circumstances leading to Mr. Drye’s death, and we again call on elected officials, prosecutors, the courts and other stakeholders to facilitate the decarceration of local jails before another New Yorker has to spend their final moments confined to a cage in a facility grappling with a full-fledged humanitarian crisis.”

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