



Before attacking the plaintiff in this case, [Long had five previous civilian complaints against him](#), a total of nine allegations, including an allegation of excessive force from eight months before. The CCRB substantiated the allegation and recommended discipline, but the NYPD declined to impose any penalty.

“Rampant NYPD misconduct continues to cost New Yorkers tens of millions of dollars each year, and Commissioner Keechant Sewell’s entrenched resistance to meaningful accountability means many of the officers involved in these lawsuits likely received a mere slap on the wrist, if any discipline at all,” said **Maggie Hadley, legal fellow with the Criminal Defense Practice’s Special Litigation Unit at The Legal Aid Society**. “Officers who commit egregious or persistent acts of misconduct should not wear a badge or carry a gun, and the Department’s continued refusal to hold problematic officers accountable only perpetuates the culture of impunity that thrives at precincts throughout New York City.”

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