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Statement From Counsel for Randy Jones

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society released the following statement as counsel for Randy Jones:

“While we recognize that this is a painful and difficult time for New York City Police Department Officer Adeed Fayaz’s family, friends and community, Randy Jones is entitled to the presumption of innocence, a fundamental principle required by the United States Constitution. We encourage the public to withhold judgment and to allow this case to proceed through the criminal legal system.

“Defense counsel is still awaiting initial discovery from the District Attorney’s office, and we have not yet received any evidence linking Mr. Jones to the offense. We will have more to say about this case in the coming days, weeks and months after a thorough review and investigation.”

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