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***Legal Aid Statement on the Latest Special Report from the Monitor in Nunez v. City of New York***

**(NEW YORK, NY) - Mary Lynne Werlwas, Director of the Prisoners' Rights Project at The Legal Aid Society,** released the following statement on the latest special report from the Monitor in *Nunez v. City of New York et. al.*, litigation concerning brutality and excessive force in New York City jails:

“We are continuing to analyze this horrific report. Unfortunately, the violence and danger that the Monitor describes is the predictable result of the City's lack of control over its jails and its unwillingness to take strong measures to make the jails safer. The weak, narrow ‘Action Plan’ that the City touts as its path forward cannot and has not worked, and will continue to result in catastrophe.”

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