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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.

“This report further confirms that the City does not grasp the magnitude of the problem it faces, and is incapable of administering basic jail functions and correcting the suffering inflicted on incarcerated people every single day. Two people have died in City custody since the last conference in this matter.

“The need for an independent authority, such as a receiver, is required now more than ever, and we look forward to this week’s court conference to detail the urgent need for this relief.”

**Background**

The next status conference in *Nunez v. City of New York* is scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 2:00 PM at the Daniel Patrick Moynihan Courthouse - Courtroom 17C located at 500 Pearl Street in downtown Manhattan before Judge Laura Taylor Swain.

Per the court, to ensure sufficient public access to the conference, Courtroom 23B will be made available as an overflow courtroom with live video streaming. Additionally, the public may access the audio feed of the hearing by calling 888-363-4734 and using access code 1527005# and security code 4999#. All of those accessing the hearing are reminded that recording, photography, and broadcasting of the proceeding are prohibited.

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