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***Statement on Latest Nunez Independent Federal Monitor Report on New York City Jails***

**(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society** released the below statement responding to the latest status [report](#) of the Nunez Independent Monitor issued today from Steve J. Martin, independent Federal Court-appointed Monitor in *Nunez v. City of New York et al.*, concerning brutality and excessive force in New York City jails:

“The neutral court monitor's report demonstrates that this Administration has no commitment or capacity to safeguard the lives of people in City custody, and cannot be trusted to give truthful information about the violence and injuries in the jails. The death today of 27-year-old Manish Kunwar at Rikers Island underscores the gravity of this abdication of responsibility.

“The Monitor makes plain that time and again, the Administration has met emergency conditions with ‘superficial, poorly implemented [and] ineffective’ responses. Since the City will not comply with the federal court orders seeking an end to these abuses, an independent receiver must be given authority to act where the City will not.”

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