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Legal Aid to Hold Press Conference Following a Hearing on a Motion to Vacate for Wayne Gardine, Client Who Has Served 29 Years of Incarceration Over a Wrongful 1996 Murder Conviction

Attorneys to Call on ICE to Immediately Release Gardine from Detention and Terminate Deportation Proceedings

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society will hold a press conference outside of the courthouse located at 111 Centre Street in Manhattan following a hearing on a motion to vacate a 1996 murder conviction against Wayne Gardine, a Legal Aid client who has been unjustly incarcerated for 29 years.

Legal Aid will call on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to release Mr. Gardine from custody and terminate deportation proceedings pending against him. ICE refused to release Mr. Gardine without handcuffs or shackles so that he could attend tomorrow's hearing.

The hearing will take place before New York State Supreme Court Judge Kate Paek at 111 Centre Street, 5th floor - room 572 in Manhattan. Please reach out to the New York State Office of Court Administration for questions relating to video and photography access in the courtroom.

WHAT: Press conference following a hearing on a motion to vacate a 1996 murder conviction against Wayne Gardine and demand that ICE release him from custody and terminate deportation proceedings

WHERE: Outside the courthouse on the sidewalk near the intersection of Centre Street and White Street in Manhattan (right across the street from New York County Criminal Court)

WHO: The Legal Aid Society

WHEN: Monday, November 27, 2023, at roughly 10:15 AM following the court hearing

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