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Statement from Counsel for Plaintiffs in Nunez v. City of New York

(NEW YORK, NY) - Kayla Simpson, Staff Attorney with the Prisoners' Rights Project at The Legal Aid Society, released the following statement in response to today's court conference in *Nunez v. City of New York et. al.*, litigation concerning brutality and excessive force in New York City jails:

"The court's decision today to find the New York City Department of Correction in contempt of federal court orders was warranted and necessary. It underscores the City's disregard of the law and the reform process, and is yet further evidence that the appointment of a receiver is critical. We look forward to continuing to seek relief for the people in the jails, who have suffered serious harm for far too long."

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