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Statement on the NYPD Releasing Surveillance and Body-Worn Camera Footage of Sunday's Mass Shooting in Brownsville

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society issued the following statement in response to the New York City Police Department (NYPD) releasing [surveillance and body-worn camera footage](#) of Sunday's mass shooting in Brownsville:

“Last Sunday, the NYPD unleashed a hailstorm of bullets on a crowded subway platform over a \$2.90 farebeat.

“Mayor Eric Adams has since incredulously lauded the officers involved for showing a ‘[great level of restraint](#)’, ignoring the fact that NYPD bullets - the only bullets that were fired that day - struck four people, including one bystander who remains in critical condition, fighting for his life.

“Plain and simple, this mass shooting is the result of the Adams Administration's dangerous headstrong adherence to enforcing broken windows policing, and Sunday's tragedy is a strong indictment of why this approach, one that has long failed to further public safety, is misguided and flat out dangerous.

“The surveillance and body-worn camera footage released last night, which is unsurprisingly edited and fails to capture the entire NYPD melee, completely contradicts the Department's claim that Derell Mickles ‘[charged](#)’ at one of the officers. As the video clearly shows, Mr. Mickles was standing still when NYPD personnel unloaded their firearms at him.

“This was completely avoidable, and the video footage should disturb all New Yorkers. The Legal Aid Society demands accountability and justice for the victims of this shooting, and we condemn police violence in the strongest of terms.”

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