



February 13, 2026

Contact:

[Press@legal-aid.org](mailto:Press@legal-aid.org)

**\*\*\*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE\*\*\***

## ***Legal Aid Society Statement on the Indictment of Jabez Chakraborty***

**(NEW YORK, NY)** — The Legal Aid Society released the following statement as counsel for Jabez Chakraborty following his indictment in criminal court:

“Jabez Chakraborty, who has no prior criminal convictions, was shot multiple times by NYPD officers and is now fighting to recover. His family [requested](#) an ambulance, [seeking](#) trained medical responders. In the aftermath, the family reported that officers [questioned](#) them about their immigration status, seized their phones and passwords, and held them at a precinct for hours without clear or timely information about his condition.

“Mr. Chakraborty underwent multiple surgeries, was placed on a ventilator, and remains at the hospital. Shackled to his bed while drifting in and out of consciousness, he has been subjected to a constant police presence. Officers have closely monitored and recorded his family’s statements, compounding an already traumatic ordeal after they witnessed their loved one gravely injured.

“We agree with [Mayor Mamdani](#) that Mr. Chakraborty should be receiving mental health care, not prosecution. He will carry the pain, suffering, and lasting trauma of these injuries for the rest of his life. Full discovery from the District Attorney’s office is still pending and will be carefully reviewed. Like every New Yorker represented by our office, Mr. Chakraborty will receive a robust and vigorous defense.”

###

*The Legal Aid Society is a nonprofit law firm that exists for one simple yet powerful reason: to ensure that New Yorkers are not denied their right to equal justice because of poverty. For 150 years, we have protected, defended, and advocated for those who have struggled in silence for far too long. Every day, in every borough, The Legal Aid Society changes the lives of the people we serve and helps improve our communities.*

[www.legalaidnyc.org](http://www.legalaidnyc.org)