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Legal Aid Statement on the Death of Cesar Gabriel Medero Curet at Rikers Island

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society issued the following statement on the death of Cesar Gabriel Medero Curet, a Legal Aid client who died this morning at Rikers Island:

"We mourn the passing of Cesar Gabriel Medero Curet, and our hearts are with his family, friends, and loved ones as they face this devastating loss. At this time, we have no information about the circumstances of his death or what happened in his final moments.

"We demand a swift, independent, and impartial investigation into Mr. Medero Curet's death. His family and counsel deserve answers, and any information about what happened must be shared with them promptly and transparently.

"Mr. Medero Curet's death is yet another devastating reminder of the human cost of the City's dysfunctional jail system. The City must work to close Rikers Island once and for all."

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