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Re: Yonkers Detective Russel Kilgore and other Yonkers Police Officers

Dear D.A. Rocah -

On November 22, 2022, Hector Santiago was assaulted by police officers at a Yonkers City Council meeting. Mr. Santiago was arrested and charged with Obstructing Governmental Administration, Resisting Arrest, and Disorderly Conduct based on a Misdemeanor Complaint sworn by Detective Kilgore.

In the days immediately after the incident, video was made public and widely distributed that clearly shows an unknown police officer shoving Mr. Santiago into the seating area inside the Council Hearing room for no apparent reason. Video taken just outside the Council room, also widely distributed, shows Detective Kilgore punching Mr. Santiago in the face.

While Mr. Santiago has attended seven time consuming court dates with serious charges hanging over his head, he has patiently waited for justice to visit the Yonkers police officers who plainly assaulted him. Both of us have been disappointed by the inaction of law enforcement authorities in the city and county.

The Constitution of the State of New York provides that the county District Attorney has a duty to faithfully prosecute any criminal violations that come to her attention. The case involving Mr. Santiago is a high profile one, and we would indeed be surprised if you had not seen video of Detective Russel Kilgore punching Mr. Santiago in the face. The video also makes clear that Detective Kilgore made false sworn statements in his accusatory instrument against Mr. Santiago. Nevertheless, if you have not seen the video, we could certainly forward it to you.

Mr. Santiago was swiftly arrested after being the victim of a crime and the justice system has already subjected him to numerous court dates for him to defend himself. We hope that from this point forward that law enforcement will move just as swiftly in arresting Detective Kilgore and other Yonkers police officers involved in the assault of my client.

Sincerely,

S/ *Leo Glickman*

Leo Glickman