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Public Advocate Letitia James Express Concerns About NYPD Shooting, Calls for Immediate Action Regarding Officer Placement

(New York, NY)— Following the tragic NYPD that left an innocent Brooklyn man dead, Public Advocate Letitia James expressed deep concern and called for immediate action regarding officer placement. She released the following statement.

“I am deeply disturbed by the NYPD-involved shooting death of Akai Gurley,” said **New York City Public Advocate Letitia James**. “The shooting of this unarmed man raises serious concerns about training and patrols in our city’s public housing developments. In crime-ridden neighborhoods, rookie officers should never be operating on their own— they must be paired with highly trained and seasoned police officers— a policy promulgated by Commissioner Bratton, but which has yet to be implemented citywide. The NYPD must move more quickly to implement a policy where probationary officers are not patrolling high crime areas without veteran officers present. I look forward to the completion of a swift and thorough investigation.”

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