

## QUEENS TODAY

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**QUEENS DISTRICT ATTORNEY MELINDA KATZ** said on Friday that her office and the NYPD seized 95 illegal scooters from the streets of Corona, Elmhurst and Long Island City. The crackdown is part of an ongoing joint operation involving the DA's office and local police precincts to address the persistent use of scooters in crimes such as drive-by shootings and robberies. A total of 412 scooters have been taken since the start of the joint operation in February. Detectives from the district attorney's office, working with officers from the NYPD's 110th and 114th Precincts, searched five locations in Elmhurst, Corona and Long Island City overnight Wednesday into Thursday. Of the 95 scooters confiscated, all were parked illegally and 71 were unregistered and uninsured. "Unregistered scooters are not only illegal, but they are also being used to commit violent crimes, including shootings and robberies, without any accountability or ability to identify the culprit," said Katz. "Through our proactive enforcement efforts in collaboration with the NYPD, we have taken more than 400 of these illegal vehicles off our streets, enhancing safety and security for our communities. Our proactive enforcement efforts will continue to ensure compliance and eradicate the public threat they pose."

**AN UNIDENTIFIED DECOMPOSING** body was found in Rego Park over the weekend, the Daily News reported. The body was found on Queens Boulevard near 62nd Avenue in the Central Queens neighborhood on Sunday in bushes underneath scaffolding. The body was so decomposed that it was not immediately clear if it was a man or a woman. The body was found after residents complained of a foul odor. "It smelled for at least two weeks," said one resident, who did not provide her name. "It got a little stronger, maybe because it got warmer." The city medical examiner will determine the person's cause of death.

**THREE PEOPLE WERE STABBED OVER** the weekend in a Jamaica home, ABC reports. Police say the attack happened on Saturday after 8:30 on Lefferts Boulevard. A 52-year-old female victim was stabbed in the stomach and neck and a 63-year-old male was stabbed in the stomach and shoulder. Both of them are in stable condition. A third victim, a 28-year-old male, was stabbed in the hand, but refused medical attention. A 31-year-old man was taken into custody.

**THE NEW YORK METS WON A WALK-off** homer from Brandon Nimmo on Sunday in the bottom of the ninth, the New York Post reports. The two run home run came with the Mets down 3-2 to division rivals the Atlanta Braves. Nimmo had been out the day before for intercostal discomfort and sat most of the game before slugging the game-winning shot.



## Lawmakers look to lock legal services fund after gov's sweep

State Senator Sean Ryan, Assemblymember Michaelle Solages and a number of legal services providers rallied in support of a bill that would effectively divorce the work of the New York State Interest on Lawyers Account Fund, or IOLA fund, from the state budget. The bill comes after Governor Kathy Hochul swept the fund of \$55 million last month.

Screenshot via Ryan's office

**By Jacob Kaye**  
Queens Daily Eagle

A pair of lawmakers and a group of attorneys are calling on the legislature to pass into law a bill that they say would prevent the governor from stripping cash from a fund meant to support civil legal services work, just as she did in the state's recently passed budget.

Rallying in Albany on Monday, State Senator Sean Ryan, Assemblymember Michaelle Solages and a number of legal services providers voiced their support for a bill that would effectively divorce the work of the New York State Interest on Lawyers Account Fund, or IOLA fund, from the state budget.

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Hochul and the legislature together through a provision in the state's Fiscal Year 2025 budget stripped \$55 million from the account meant to help civil legal services providers fund their work.

The "sweep" of the IOLA fund was wildly unpopular in New York's legal community. The move drew rebuke not only from legal services providers, but also from the New York State Bar Association and a number of other local legal groups.

The move also appeared to upset Ryan and Solages, who quickly moved to introduce the legislation aimed at preventing similar sweeps shortly after the passage of the budget.

"[We] introduced a bill to help ensure that

this critical funding remains available for the purpose that was created for," Ryan said from Albany on Monday. "This bill will allow IOLA to fund its grants without having to go through the red tape of the New York State budget process."

"It's not a radical idea," he added.

The fund, which was created around four decades ago, is used to support over 80 nonprofit legal organizations throughout the Empire State that offer civil legal services to indigent New Yorkers.

The organizations that receive grants from the fund account for a large portion of cases in which a public defense attorney is needed.

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## Queens votes for how to spend 'The People's Money'

Queens residents can now vote for how to spend "The People's Money" and select projects they want to see funded by the city.

Eagle file photo by Ryan Schwach

**By Ryan Schwach**  
Queens Daily Eagle

Queens residents again have the opportunity to vote on what local projects the city will fund with the return of the People's Money, the city's participatory budgeting program.

The People's Money, a citywide participatory budgeting program which allows New Yorkers to vote on how they want to see city money spent, has returned for 2024, and Queens residents can now vote on which of the 10 projects are up for funding in the World's Borough.

Queens residents 11 years old and up can vote online and in person through June 12, and will be able to pick how part of \$3.5 million of city money will be spent.

"This is the chance for Queens residents 11 and up, regardless of their citizenship status, to decide how to spend part of the city budget," said Dr. Sarah Sayeed, the chair and executive director of NYC Civic Engagement Commission, which operates the program. "Queens residents know what is best for their borough, and the ballot for Queens shows us their priorities for this year."

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# 'People's Money' voting period underway

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"Projects offer meaningful ways to support the most vulnerable of Queens residents and offer concrete solutions to community challenges like mental health, food assistance and more," Sayeed added. "We can't wait to hear from New Yorkers in the most diverse borough."

## WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

There are currently 10 projects potentially slated for Queens, and voters can choose as many of the projects as they'd like to see implemented and funded. The top five vote getters will be funded.

All the projects have a price tag of \$170,000.

Most of the proposals aim to assist kids, seniors and immigrants in Queens.

There is a project for a Connection Resource Center, which, according to the ballot, will help residents find food assistance, housing, health-care, employment and other services.

Another looks to create more mental health programs in Queens.

With the massive influx of migrants and asylum seekers coming to the city over the past two years – many of them to Queens – there is a project on the ballot to provide civic education and financial workshops for immigrants.

In a similar vein, another project looks to provide training for multilingual people to help them use their skills to be a translator or interpreter.

Another project looks to establish a program that would see restaurants partner with local food pantries to provide healthy meals for families.

There is a community safety workshop idea, which will give locals verbal de-escalation, physical, safety and bystander intervention training.

There are also several projects aimed at helping the youth of Queens.

Youth empowerment after school workshops are among those plans, and would serve 10 to 19-year-olds living in public housing by providing arts and crafts, boxing, dancing, ASL education and homework help.

Another program would create more job training for Queens high schoolers to help them work on resumes, do mock interviews and set them up for potential careers.

There is a green space program which would teach youth about climate change, planting trees and investing in the beautification of their community.

There is also a connectivity program, aimed to help seniors by connecting them with young people.

Last year, Queens led the way in voting for projects, with 33,606 ballots submitted – and because New Yorkers could vote for as many projects on the ballot as they liked, there were 121,561 votes submitted by Queens residents.

The 33,606 Queens residents who cast their votes for the project voted on a total of nine projects, three of which were funded with a price tag of \$280,000.

The first place project was a youth entrepreneurs program, which will teach youth about opening and sustaining a small business by providing basic management and interpersonal skills such as budgeting, hiring, marketing and engagement.

In second place was parent support and wellness service, which includes childbirth education classes, infant CPR/safety, mental health support and support groups.

The third and final project that received funding was an after school workshop on lifestyle guidance for kids to teach them about mental and physical health.

With just under a month left to vote, Queens officials are encouraging locals to get out and vote for how to spend The People's Money.

"Our democracy is not a spectator sport," said Queens Borough President Donovan Rich-



Up until June 12, Queens locals over the age of 11 can vote online and in-person for projects to be funded by the city through "The People's Money."

Photo courtesy of the New York City Civic Engagement Commission

ards. Each of us has a role to play in the betterment of our city, and the People's Money Participatory Budgeting process is one we should all take seriously. I encourage everyone to cast

a vote and support the projects they want to see funded, so we can begin the work of making our communities better places to live, work and play."

## Serial jewelry thief charged in Queens

By Ryan Schwach  
Queens Daily Eagle

A Staten Island man was charged in Queens Criminal Court last week for allegedly stealing \$170,000 in jewelry from seven Queens shops over a two-year period.

Aaron Smalls, a 39-year-old, is facing charges after he was arrested for allegedly hitting the shops and stealing merchandise between December 2023 and February 2024, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz said.

According to the charges, Smalls' asked a number of jewelry store clerks if he could see an expensive piece held in a security case. Immediately upon being handed the merchandise, he would run out of the store, stolen goods in hand.

From December to February, Smalls allegedly used this grab-and-run strategy in six different shops in Western and Central Queens.

He allegedly stole two gold chains worth approximately \$4,369, from HR Gold and Diamond Inc. on Roosevelt Avenue in Jackson Heights on Dec. 14, 2023, then another gold chain worth approximately \$2,400, from Queens Pawn & Jewelry on Roosevelt Avenue in Elmhurst just a week later.

Exactly a week after the Elmhurst robbery, he is accused of stealing a gold chain with a



A Staten Island man was charged for stealing jewelry from six shops in Queens over three months.

Photo via Queens District Attorney's Office

large pendant bearing the image of Jesus, worth approximately \$20,000, from Gold Tower USA Inc. on Junction Boulevard in Corona on Dec. 28.

Smalls then stopped for a whole month, before allegedly nabbing two gold chains worth approximately \$9,000 from Prime Jewelers on Jamaica Avenue in Woodhaven on Feb. 6.

Smalls has also been linked to stealing 25 other gold chains worth approximately \$120,000 from Simon and Son Jewelers on 63rd Drive in Rego Park on Sept. 26, 2021. Smalls was linked to the theft following DNA that was

recovered from a sweat-stained hat the robber left behind upon fleeing the store.

He was arrested on May 8 at the Woodside Motel on Queens Boulevard by members of the Queens Warrant Squad.

Smalls was arraigned on Thursday on charges of grand larceny in the second and fourth degrees and four counts of grand larceny in the third degree. He was also arraigned on a separate complaint charging him with robbery in the third degree, attempted assault in the second degree and two counts of grand larceny in the fourth degree for allegedly punching a man and stealing his bank card on Aug. 3, 2021, in Corona.

Smalls faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted. Queens Criminal Court Judge Diego Friere ordered him to return to court on May 13.

"The defendant is accused of preying upon local jewelry stores by committing brazen thefts that go back to 2021," said Katz. "My office is committed to addressing the issue of serial shoplifters who disproportionately contribute to retail thefts across the borough. Ensuring the safety of our store owners, their employees, and customers is essential to a vibrant economy. We can never lose sight of the fact that communities thrive when local businesses thrive."

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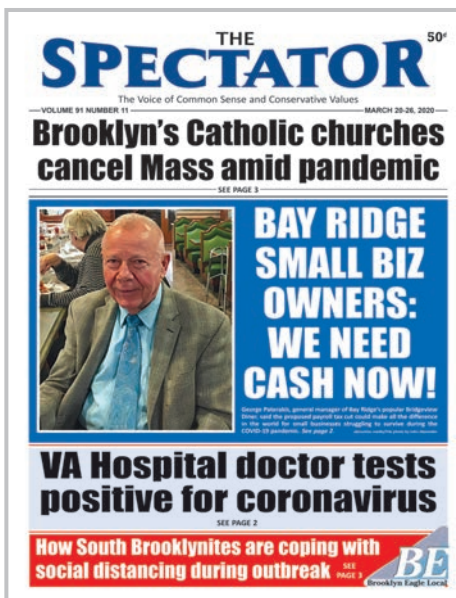
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# CUNY City College president laments not breaking up pro-Palestinian encampment sooner

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THE CITY

In a series of town hall meetings with students, faculty and staff last week, City College President Vincent Boudreau attempted to quell anger and frustration about his decision to deploy the NYPD to break up a pro-Palestinian encampment on April 30, after campus police proved “inadequate” in his telling.

The encampment began on April 25, with CUNY students, faculty and alumni camping out and calling for the public university system to divest from Israel amid the ongoing war in Gaza.

Boudreau, a political scientist specializing in the politics of social movements, was arrested at least five times while pushing for the university to divest from South Africa as a grad student at Cornell University in the 1980’s. He was one of hundreds of students there arrested over the course of several months in demonstrations that included sit-ins and the erection of a “shanty town” where students camped out for 65 days.

But last week he told faculty members Tuesday that he stood by the move to clear the encampment, adding that he wished he’d done so sooner. The remarks were made at a previously unreported online town hall meeting with faculty that was viewed by THE CITY. Boudreau spoke to students at a similar online town hall Wednesday afternoon, which was also observed by THE CITY.

“Allowing the site to harden. That’s my one regret,” he said. “If what you’re implying is that we have to allow demonstrators free run of the campus... I reject that.”

Boudreau laid out a detailed timeline of the incidents that led him to determine the protests had spiraled out of control, while conceding that CUNY’s Public Safety team had been ill-equipped to handle student demonstrations.

“We don’t have a public safety team that’s trained in crowd control. That’s on us,” Boudreau said.

CUNY has since approved another \$4 million to hire 100 additional private officers at City College, with 30 of them already there to patrol the usually open Harlem campus, he said. The emergency procurement to handle “campus unrest” through the end of the semester at a weekly cost of \$600,000 a week, follows mid-year layoffs and expected funding cuts of more than \$100 million by the end of the year.

Tensions with CUNY public safety officers erupted on the first day of demonstrations, when an officer shoved a demonstrator, leading to a tense standoff that ended when the university’s police were pushed out of the encampment in a central plaza.

“This was a moment when we realized how volatile the protest was potentially and how inadequate our public safety team was,” Boudreau said.

After that incident, Boudreau pulled CUNY public safety team back from the encampment for several days, he said, despite what he described as repeated safety concerns administrators raised, like what he said was a “military grade” flare that set fire to the roof of a campus building, causing \$250,000 in damage on the evening of Sunday, April 28.

Tensions with public safety officers boiled over again two days later when a splinter group of demonstrators managed to get into a campus administration building and briefly barricade themselves inside.

Outside, public safety officers unleashed a cloud of pepper spray on demonstrators at close range that overwhelmed at least one journalist and possibly some of the officers using it, the CUNY Journalism Graduate School’s NYCity News Service reported, as two officers were treated at a hospital for “pepper spray related trauma.” Boudreau didn’t mention that campus police used pepper spray on demonstrators in either town hall meeting with staff or students, though he did say public safety officers had been maced.

Noah Gardy, a CUNY spokesperson, declined to clarify if officers pepper sprayed themselves or if there was some other source of pepper spray that afternoon, but said that officers undergo “extensive training.”

“We are grateful to CUNY Public Safety Officers for continuing to support and protect our campus communities,” he said.

Gregory Floyd, the President of Teamsters



Pro-Palestinian protesters at City College with CUNY police, April 25, 2024.

Credit: Gabriel Poblete/THE CITY

Local 237, the union that represents CUNY public safety officers, said the college hasn’t had enough peace officers for years, as he blamed Boudreau for not calling in the NYPD sooner.

“CCNY Peace Officers have suffered numerous physical and verbal attacks, including being maced,” he said. The union deferred to the university regarding the question of whether public safety officers pepper sprayed themselves.

“It is paramount that in emergencies of this magnitude, that there is coordination between the NYPD and campus Peace Officers — which the President failed to recognize and allow.”

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg’s office has blamed CUNY Public Safety for some of the people arrested at City College being detained for longer than the 24-hours allowed for under the city’s rules, saying they had failed to hand over arrest paperwork in a timely manner. A CUNY spokesperson didn’t return a request for comment about that.

At a separate town hall meeting for students that Boudreau held on Wednesday afternoon, and which was also viewed by THE CITY, some participants expressed concerns about the increased patrols.

Boudreau said they would be phased out after the end of the semester during the student town hall Wednesday in response to a student’s concerns.

## Arrest Numbers, Encampment at Night

Over this week’s series of town halls, Boudreau repeatedly asserted that non-CUNY protesters had been responsible for the escalations he said compelled him to bring in the NYPD. He also noted a petition signed by some City College students saying they didn’t feel safe coming to campus and showed a video of a Jewish student journalist having his yarmulke knocked off at the encampment.

Of nearly 200 people arrested inside an administrative building and on the adjoining public streets, 54 were CUNY faculty or staff members and 34 were students within the CUNY system, with just eight directly affiliated with City Col-

lege, according to Boudreau. Those figures don’t appear to include CUNY alumni, who were also involved in the demonstration.

Of those 33 arrests of people inside a campus building that was briefly occupied by the group, about half of them were affiliated with a CUNY school either as a faculty or staff member, Boudreau said.

“I raised that, not because I want to say, you know, there was a vast conspiracy out there that came in and infiltrated and so these are external agitators. That’s not what I’m saying,” he said, at the student town hall Wednesday afternoon.

“What I’m saying is that as a community we have navigated this really difficult time in a way that gave opportunities for people to protest,” he said.

“It wasn’t primarily a student demonstration,” he told faculty the day earlier.

Boudreau asserted that the character of the encampment changed at night, from teach-ins, communal meals and a cappella singing to a darker and more ominous scene, citing the flares demonstrators lit on consecutive nights.

“I don’t believe that the activities, especially at night, were driven by City College,” he said. “I refuse to believe that after potentially setting one of our buildings on fire that the response the very next night would be to double down on the placement of flares inside the encampment.”

Professors during Tuesday’s town hall pushed back during the town hall.

“I was present at the encampment during the day and at night. I frankly reject the characterization of the encampment as being as different or more violent at night as it was during the day,” one professor said.

Derek Ludovici, an adjunct international studies professor at CCNY who attended the town hall, noted that blaming outsiders, as Mayor Eric Adams and other top city officials have also been quick to do with limited evidence, is a tactic that’s been used for decades to delegitimize protest movements.

“This is New York City. There is a massive mobilization. Students are part of these various or-



CUNY police officers scuffle with pro-Palestinian protesters at City College, April 25, 2024.

Credit: Gabriel Poblete/THE CITY

ganizations, they are plugged in, and it’s a public school,” he said. “The community was there.”

## ‘Exhausted, Outnumbered’

Boudreau wrote a letter to students that afternoon, imploring them to dismantle the encampment before the start of class the next day.

“If the encampment is not voluntarily dismantled we will be forced to consider all legal, disciplinary and operational measures at our disposal,” the warning read, offering to allow demonstrators to reestablish the protest in a different location on campus.

Later that evening, a splinter group of demonstrators forced their way briefly into an administrative building, barricading themselves inside for around 15 minutes.

“The movement to occupy that building had nothing to do with an escalation in pressure on that encampment, nothing to do with it,” Boudreau said.

“It was a move to escalation because Columbia University escalated,” he said, referring to the occupation of Hamilton Hall which had taken place the morning ahead of the police crackdown at both CUNY and Columbia campuses.

That night crowds of demonstrators arrived on public streets in support of the encampment on campus while members of the NYPD’s controversial Strategic Response Group were amassing areas inside and around the campus, blocking streets in the surrounding area beginning around 8 p.m.

Boudreau, says he didn’t formally ask the NYPD to move in and clear the encampment until just before midnight.

“With our public safety team, exhausted, outnumbered, doing the best they can to keep people out of our other buildings, truly worried about the potential for violence, at 11:45, I made the call for the NYPD to come in and assist in the operation,” he said.

At that point, hundreds of officers in riot gear were already at the campus gates, entering minutes later.

As with the NYPD’s crackdown at Columbia, reporters had limited access to campus when the NYPD cleared the encampment, though videos of physical arrests happening on the streets around campus quickly emerged online.

A statement from the CUNY GAZA Solidarity Encampment, composed of current students, faculty, and alumni, released a joint statement last week claiming that the NYPD broke a student’s ankle, broke two protesters teeth and injured many others. Boudreau said at his town hall meeting with students that he hadn’t been able to verify those accounts.

“From what we’ve seen these stories have not been substantiated. Not one student has come forward,” he said.

“You called the cops on them. The cops hurt them,” said Hunter College student government president Bashir Juwara, 24, who said he was in contact with one Hunter student who’d gotten a concussion when police arrested him.

Khizar Imram, 21, an electrical engineering student who serves as the vice president of finances for City College student government and who served as a liaison between administration and the demonstrators, said while the substance of Boudreau’s presentation was accurate, there were some conspicuous omissions in the president’s account.

“He didn’t say public safety pepper-sprayed their own students. He didn’t mention that,” he said. “I witnessed that.”

Imram said he’d been in close contact with Boudreau, who he said had struggled with the decision to involve police.

“If it was Queens College or Baruch College president, it would have been shut down first no questions asked,” he said. “But because of who he is, his history, he did not want the NYPD to be deployed.”

City College reopened on Wednesday with most classes still taught online, marking an uneasy ending to a typically celebratory time of year.

“College is like a military ground right now. There’s so many fences, there’s like guards everywhere,” Imram said. “It’s still like a ghost town.”

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# Binge Drinking is a Growing Public Health Crisis: A Neurobiologist Explains Why

By **Nikki Crowley**  
The Conversation

With the new Amy Winehouse biopic “Back to Black” in U.S. theaters as of May 17, 2024, the late singer’s relationship with alcohol and drugs is under scrutiny again. In July 2011, Winehouse was found dead in her flat in north London from “death by misadventure” at the age of 27. That’s the official British term used for accidental death caused by a voluntary risk.

Her blood alcohol concentration was 0.416%, more than five times the legal intoxication limit in the U.S. — leading her cause of death to be later adjusted to include “alcohol toxicity” following a second coroner’s inquest.

Nearly 13 years later, alcohol consumption and binge drinking remain a major public health crisis, not just in the U.K. but also in the U.S.

Roughly one in five U.S. adults report binge drinking at least once a week, with an average of seven drinks per binge episode. This is well over the amount of alcohol thought to produce legal intoxication, commonly defined as a blood alcohol concentration over 0.08% — on average, four drinks in two hours for women, five drinks in two hours for men.

Among women, days of “heavy drinking” increased 41% during the COVID-19 pandemic compared with pre-pandemic levels, and adult women in their 30s and 40s are rapidly increasing their rates of binge drinking, with no evidence of these trends slowing down. Despite efforts to comprehend the overall biology of substance use disorders, scientists’ and physicians’ understanding of the relationship between women’s health and binge drinking has lagged behind.

I am a neurobiologist focused on understanding the chemicals and brain regions that underlie addiction to alcohol. I study how neuropeptides — unique signaling molecules in the prefrontal cortex, one of the key brain regions in decision-making, risk-taking and reward — are altered by repeated exposure to binge alcohol consumption in animal models.

My lab focuses on understanding how things like alcohol alter these brain sys-



Amy Winehouse poses for a portrait in London in 2007. When she died in 2011, her blood alcohol level was more than five times the legal intoxication limit.

AP photo by Matt Dunham

tems before diagnosable addiction, so that we can better inform efforts toward both prevention and treatment.

## The biology of addiction

While problematic alcohol consumption has likely occurred as long as alcohol has existed, it wasn’t until 2011 that the American Society of Addiction Medicine recognized substance addiction as a brain disorder — the same year as Winehouse’s death. A diagnosis of an alcohol use disorder is now used over outdated terms such as labeling an individual as an alcoholic or having alcoholism.

Researchers and clinicians have made great strides in understanding how and

why drugs — including alcohol, a drug — alter the brain. Often, people consume a drug like alcohol because of the rewarding and positive feelings it creates, such as enjoying drinks with friends or celebrating a milestone with a loved one. But what starts off as manageable consumption of alcohol can quickly devolve into cycles of excessive alcohol consumption followed by drug withdrawal.

While all forms of alcohol consumption come with health risks, binge drinking appears to be particularly dangerous due to how repeated cycling between a high state and a withdrawal state affect the brain. For example, for some people, alcohol use can lead to “hangxiety,” the feeling of anxiety that can accompany a hangover.

Repeated episodes of drinking and drunkenness, coupled with withdrawal, can spiral, leading to relapse and reuse of alcohol. In other words, alcohol use shifts from being rewarding to just trying to prevent feeling bad.

It makes sense. With repeated alcohol use over time, the areas of the brain engaged by alcohol can shift away from those traditionally associated with drug use and reward or pleasure to brain regions more typically engaged during stress and anxiety.

All of these stages of drinking, from the enjoyment of alcohol to withdrawal to the cycles of craving, continuously alter the brain and its communication pathways. Alcohol can affect several dozen neurotransmitters and receptors, making understanding its mechanism of action in the brain complicated.

Work in my lab focuses on understanding how alcohol consumption changes the way neurons within the prefrontal cortex communicate with each other. Neurons are the brain’s key communicator, sending both electrical and chemical signals within the brain and to the rest of your body.

What we’ve found in animal models of binge drinking is that certain subtypes of neurons lose the ability to talk to each other appropriately. In some cases, binge drinking can permanently remodel the brain.

Even after a prolonged period of abstinence, conversations between the neurons don’t return to normal.

These changes in the brain can appear even before there are noticeable changes in behavior. This could mean that the neurobiological underpinnings of addiction may take root well before an individual or their loved ones suspect a problem with alcohol.

Researchers like us don’t yet fully understand why some people may be more susceptible to this shift, but it likely has to do with genetic and biological factors, as well as the patterns and circumstances under which alcohol is consumed.

## Women are forgotten

While researchers are increasingly understanding the medley of biological factors that underlie addiction, there’s one population that’s been largely overlooked until now: women.

Women may be more likely than men to have some of the most catastrophic health effects caused by alcohol use, such as liver issues, cardiovascular disease and cancer. Middle-aged women are now at the highest risk for binge drinking compared with other populations.

When women consume even moderate levels of alcohol, their risk for various cancers goes up, including digestive, breast and pancreatic cancer, among other health problems — and even death. So the worsening rates of alcohol use disorder in women prompt the need for a greater focus on women in the research and the search for treatments.

Yet, women have long been underrepresented in biomedical research.

It wasn’t until 1993 that clinical research funded by the National Institutes of Health was required to include women as research subjects. In fact, the NIH did not even require sex as a biological variable to be considered by federally funded researchers until 2016. When women are excluded from biomedical research, it leaves doctors and researchers with an incomplete understanding of health and disease, including alcohol addiction.

There is also increasing evidence that addictive substances can interact with cycling sex hormones such as estrogen and progesterone. For instance, research has shown that when estrogen levels are high, like before ovulation, alcohol might feel more rewarding, which could drive higher levels of binge drinking. Currently, researchers don’t know the full extent of the interaction between these natural biological rhythms or other unique biological factors involved in women’s health and propensity for alcohol addiction.

## Looking ahead

Researchers and lawmakers are recognizing the vital need for increased research on women’s health. Major federal investments into women’s health research are a vital step toward developing better prevention and treatment options for women.

While women like Amy Winehouse may have been forced to struggle both privately and publicly with substance use disorders and alcohol, the increasing focus of research on addiction to alcohol and other substances as a brain disorder will open new treatment avenues for those suffering from the consequences.

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Musician Vince Gill performs at the Facing Addiction with NCADD (National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence) gala at the Rainbow Room on Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.

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## Jackie Robinson: An MVP on the Baseball Card Circuit



Chris Ivy, baseball card collector extraordinaire.

Photo courtesy of John Cirillo

By **Andy Furman**  
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

It was inevitable, really. It not only was in his blood, but in his DNA.

Chris Ivy's future was seeded at an early age.

"My dad was a coin collector when he was about 13," Chris Ivy told the Eagle by phone the other day. "That was in the early '60s."

Some 16 years later, the senior Ivy started selling his coins at auctions — and in 1982 he merged his coin galleries with Heritage Auctions.

"As for me, I collected baseball cards, like most kids," Ivy said.

"I never thought I'd work for Heritage," Chris recalls,

"But in the late '90s, when I graduated college, Heritage bundled their coins with movie posters and comic books.

"And then I learned how to grade baseball cards," he said. "In 2003, I went to the Heritage ownership, and said, 'I think we can make a dent in this baseball card business.'"

In 2004, Heritage grossed over \$2 million in sales. "Last year," said Chris, who serves as Director of Sports Auctions for the company, "We went over \$200 million."

In fact, the total for last year was a whopping \$1.7 billion in sales.

Yes, they certainly made a dent, Chris.

Ivy lists the most popular trading cards as being Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle and, he says, of course Jackie Robinson.

"Football, hockey and basketball cards are quite popular as well," he said. "But baseball, being the backbone of history and collecting, as well as generational and the oldest sport in America, tops the list."

And Robinson's cards are if not on top, close to it, Ivy says.

Major League Baseball honors the man who broke the color barrier in baseball by having every player wear his No. 42 on his back every April 15 — the day he made his debut in 1947. That was 77 years ago, and Robinson still resonates as one of the game's most popular players.

Because of Jackie's significant social contribution, not to mention his prowess on the field, his memorabilia are among the most sought-after on the market," Ivy said.

So much so, Heritage Auctions' May Spring Sports Auction includes two classic trading cards — the 1952 Topps Jackie Robinson card and the 1954 Topps card — both valued at \$100,000; and cards from 1948, '49, '50, '52, '54, '55 and '56 — although not from '51 and '53.

"There's also a bevy of Robinson collectibles including dozens of trading cards, as well as signed checks, autographed newspaper clippings, signed baseballs, All Star Game tickets and many more on the auction block," Ivy said.

Bidding is open now through May 16-18 by clicking HA.com.

Ivy says grading a baseball card is "based on condition." And how what is the process of grading a baseball card? "Authenticate it, make sure it's an original and then assign a grade per the condition," he said.

The grades, he says, begin at 10, a "gem mint." A nine is mint, and the quality proceeds down to one, which would be poor.

"A 1952 Jackie Robinson eight might sell for \$100,000," Ivy said. "Three years ago, we had a Jackie Robinson, Grade nine. Only about a dozen such exist. And it sold for \$1 million."

That is some steep number, considering Robinson's salary as a Brooklyn Dodger. In 1948 he earned \$12,500, followed by a whopping \$35,000 in 1950.

As for those baseball cards, the return is pretty good. Ivy's dad would be proud.

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This Jackie Robinson Topps baseball card from 1952 has, so far, drawn a high bid of \$47,000.

Photo courtesy of Heritage Auctions



This 1954 Jackie Robinson Topps baseball card shows him in the field as well as his portrait.

Photo courtesy of Heritage Auctions



Jackie Robinson steals home in this game against the Boston Braves at Ebbets Field in August 1948.

AP photo





# Our World In Pictures

**KASHMIR** — ‘Giving government the finger’ has a different meaning here: A man shows an ink mark on his finger after casting his vote during the fourth phase of India’s general election in Baba Nagri, northeast of Srinagar, Indian-controlled Kashmir, Monday, May 13, 2024.

Photo: Dar Yasin/AP



**MANHATTAN** — The only thing missing are ‘twiddling thumbs’ — the folded hands, like the expression most often shown by press, is one of resigned forbearance: Republican presidential candidate, former President Donald Trump attends his trial at Manhattan Criminal Court in New York on Monday, May 13, 2024.

Photo: Steven Hirsch/New York Post via AP, Pool



**SWEDEN** — Which comes first at Eurovision — the song or the spectacle? Bambie Thug of Ireland performs the song Doomsday Blue during the dress rehearsal for the final at the Eurovision Song Contest in Malmo, Sweden, Friday, May 10, 2024.

Photo: Martin Meissner/AP



**ISRAEL** — Showing home country losses: A woman touches the wall with names of fallen soldiers during Israel’s annual Memorial Day for the fallen soldiers who died in the nation’s conflicts and victims of nationalistic attacks at the Armored Corps memorial site in Latrun, Israel, Monday, May 13, 2024.

Photo: Ariel Schalit/AP



# Our World In Pictures

**INDONESIA — Nature's revenge — flooding both hot and cold:** A view of the damage at an area badly affected by a flash flood in Tanah Datar, West Sumatra, Indonesia, Monday, May 13, 2024. Heavy rains and torrents of cold lava and mud flowing down a volcano's slopes on Indonesia's Sumatra island triggered flash floods, causing a number of people dead and missing, officials said Sunday.

Photo: Ali Nayaka/AP



**ITALY — Sometimes pink wins the day:** Slovenia's Pogacar Tadej celebrates winning the 8th stage of the Giro d'Italia cycling race, from Spoleto to Prati di Tivo, Italy, Saturday, May 11 2024 Italy.

Photo: Gian Mattia D'Alberto/LaPresse via AP



**ANAHEIM — First baseman hit in the mouth by baseball — oh, wait, that's just bubble gum:** Kansas City Royals first baseman Salvador Perez blows a bubble during the second inning of a baseball



**BRAZIL — Nature's revenge — fodder for the junkyard:** Vehicles are partially submerged on a street flooded by heavy rains in Sao Leopoldo, Rio Grande do Sul state, Brazil, Saturday, May 11, 2024.

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# Star witness Michael Cohen implicates Trump in hush money case

By Michael R. Sisak, Jill Colvin, Eric Tucker and Jake Offenhardt  
Associated Press

Donald Trump's fixer-turned-foe, Michael Cohen, directly implicated the former president in a hush money scheme Monday, telling jurors that his celebrity client approved hefty payouts to stifle stories about sex that he feared could be harmful to his 2016 White House campaign.

"You handle it," Cohen quoted Trump as telling him after learning that a doorman had come forward with a claim that Trump had fathered a child out-of-wedlock. The Trump Tower doorman was paid \$30,000 to keep the story "off the market" even though the claim was ultimately deemed unfounded.

A similar episode occurred after Cohen alerted Trump that a Playboy model was alleging that she and Trump had an extramarital affair. Again, the order was clear: "Make sure it doesn't get released," Cohen said Trump told him. The woman, Karen McDougal, was paid \$150,000 in a hush money arrangement that was made after Trump was given a "complete and total update on everything that transpired."

"What I was doing was at the direction of and benefit of Mr. Trump," Cohen testified.

Cohen, Trump's former lawyer and personal fixer, is by far the Manhattan district attorney's most important witness in the case, and his much-awaited appearance on the stand signaled that the first criminal trial of a former American president is entering its final stretch.

The testimony of a witness with such intimate knowledge of Trump's activities could heighten the legal exposure of the presumptive Republican presidential nominee if jurors deem him sufficiently credible. But prosecutors' reliance on a witness with such a checkered past — Cohen pleaded guilty to federal charges related to the payments — also carries sizable risks with a jury. In addition, it could be a boon to Trump politically as he raises money off his legal woes and paints the case as the product of a tainted criminal justice system.

Though jurors have heard from others about the tabloid industry practice of "catch-and-kill," in which rights to a story are purchased so that it can then be quashed, Cohen's testimony is crucial to prosecutors because of his proximity to Trump and because he says he was in direct communication with the then-candidate about embarrassing stories he was scrambling to prevent from surfacing.

Besides payments to the doorman and to McDougal, another sum went to porn actor Stormy Daniels, who told jurors last week that the \$130,000 she received was meant to prevent her from going public about a sexual encounter she says she had with Trump in a hotel suite a decade earlier.

Cohen also matters because the reimbursements he received from that payment form the

basis of the charges against Trump — 34 felony counts of falsifying business records. Prosecutors say the reimbursements were logged, falsely, as legal expenses to conceal the payments' true purpose.

Cohen gave jurors an insider account of his negotiations with David Pecker, the then-publisher of the National Enquirer, and the newspaper's top editor about suppressing stories harmful to Trump, an effort that took on added urgency following the October 2016 disclosure of an "Access Hollywood" recording in which Trump was heard boasting about grabbing women sexually.

The Daniels payment was finalized several weeks after that revelation, but much of Monday's testimony centered on the deal earlier that fall with McDougal.

Pecker earlier testified that he had pledged to be the "eyes and ears" of the Trump campaign and was such a loyalist that he told Cohen that his publication maintained a "file drawer or a locked drawer as he described it, where files related to Mr. Trump were located," according to testimony Monday.

Cohen testified that he went to Trump immediately after the National Enquirer alerted him to a story about the alleged McDougal affair. "Make sure it doesn't get released," he says Trump told him.

Trump checked in with Pecker about the matter, asking him how "things were going" with it, Cohen said. Pecker responded: "We have this under control, and we'll take care of this," Cohen testified.

Cohen also said he was with Trump as Trump spoke to Pecker on a speakerphone in his Trump Tower office.

"David stated it would cost \$150,000 to control the story," Cohen said. He quoted Trump as saying: "No problem, I'll take care of it," meaning that the payments be reimbursed.

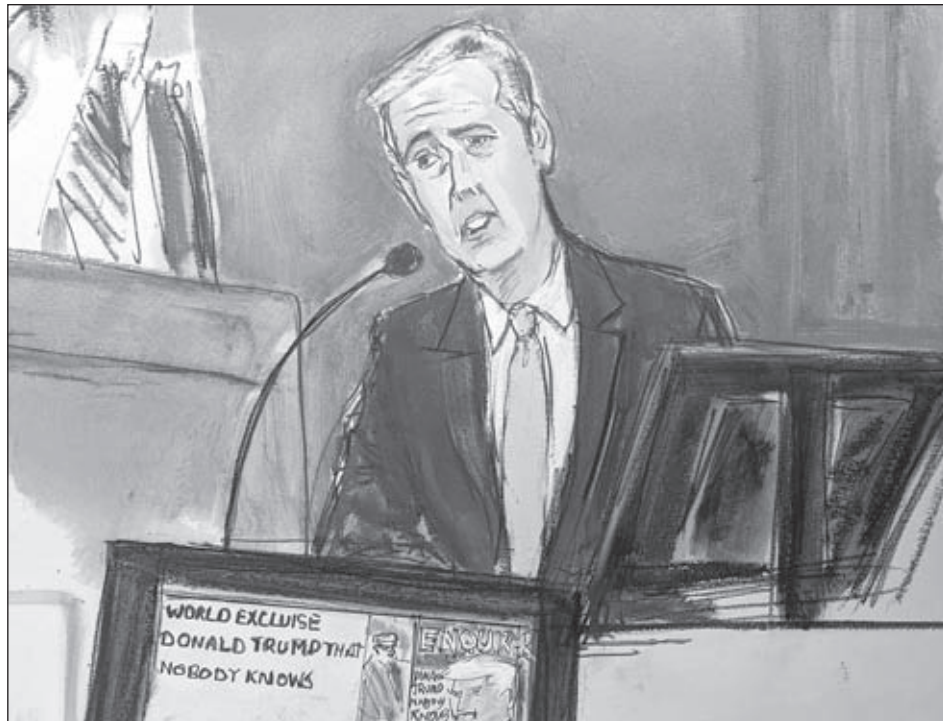
To lay the foundation that the deals were done with Trump's endorsement, prosecutors elicited testimony from Cohen — who spent a decade as a Trump Organization senior executive — designed to show Trump as a hands-on manager on whose behalf Cohen said he sometimes lied and bullied others, including reporters.

"When he would task you with something, he would then say, 'Keep me informed. Let me know what's going on,'" Cohen testified. He said that was especially true "if there was a matter that was troubling to him."

"If he learned of it in another manner, that wouldn't go over well for you," Cohen testified.

Defense lawyers have teed up a bruising cross-examination of Cohen, telling jurors during opening statements that he's an "admitted liar" with an "obsession to get President Trump."

Prosecutors are expected to try to blunt those attacks by eliciting detailed testimony from Cohen about his past crimes. They have also called



Michael Cohen testifies on the witness stand with a National Enquirer cover story about Donald Trump displayed on a screen in Manhattan criminal court, Monday, May 13, 2024, in New York.  
Elizabeth Williams via AP



Michael Cohen leaves his apartment building on his way to Manhattan criminal court, Monday, May 13, 2024, in New York.  
AP Photo/Julia Nikhinson

other witnesses whose accounts, they hope, will buttress Cohen's testimony. Those witnesses included a lawyer who negotiated the hush money payments on behalf of Daniels and McDougal, as well as Pecker and Daniels.

Trump sat silently with his eyes closed as Cohen's testimony covered the payoff to the door-

man and other aspects of the hush money machinations. He did not appear to make eye contact with Cohen as the lawyer took the stand.

Cohen's role as star prosecution witness further cements the disintegration of a mutually beneficial relationship that was once so close that the attorney famously said he would "take a bullet for Trump." After Cohen's home and office were raided by the FBI in 2018, Trump showered him with affection on social media, praising him as a "fine person with a wonderful family" and predicting — incorrectly — that Cohen would not "flip."

Months later, Cohen did exactly that, pleading guilty that August to federal campaign-finance charges in which he implicated Trump. By that point, the relationship was irrevocably broken, with Trump posting on the social media platform then known as Twitter: "If anyone is looking for a good lawyer, I would strongly suggest that you don't retain the services of Michael Cohen!"

Cohen later admitted lying to Congress about a Moscow real estate project that he had pursued on Trump's behalf during the heat of the 2016 Republican campaign. He said he lied to be consistent with Trump's "political messaging."

Defense lawyers are expected to exploit all the challenges that accompany a witness like Cohen. Besides portraying him as untrustworthy, they're also expected to cast him as vindictive, vengeful and agenda-driven.

Since their fallout, Cohen has emerged as a relentless and sometimes crude critic of Trump, appearing as recently as last week in a live TikTok wearing a shirt featuring a figure resembling Trump with his hands cuffed, behind bars. The judge on Friday urged prosecutors to tell him to refrain from making any more statements about the case or Trump.



Former President Donald Trump returns to the courtroom after a break at Manhattan criminal court, Monday, May 13, 2024, in New York.  
AP Photo/Seth Wenig, Pool

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR TRUMAN 2016 SC6 TITLE TRUST, PLAINTIFF, VS. NOEMI TARIO, DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY ENTERED ON JUNE 22, 2023, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE OUTSIDE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON JUNE 7, 2024 AT 10:45 A.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 129-37 153RD STREET, JAMAICA, NY 11434. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 12258 AND LOT 8. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$615,979.90 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX #714497/2016. THE REFEREE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE'S AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE. ELIZABETH GILL, ESQ., REFEREE FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP, 85 BROAD STREET, SUITE 501, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10004, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF FIRM FILE NO.: 171137-1

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## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, PLAINTIFF, VS. PARBOTTIE RODRIGUEZ, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO AN ORDER CONFIRMING REFEREE REPORT AND JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY ENTERED ON FEBRUARY 2, 2022, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE OUTSIDE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON JUNE 7, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 115-36 122ND STREET, SOUTH OZONE PARK, NY 11420. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 11665 AND LOT 24. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$749,851.58 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX #705214/2017. CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. THE REFEREE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE'S AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE. BRANDI P. KLINEBERG, ESQ., REFEREE KNUCKLES & MANFRO, LLP, 120 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, SUITE 215, TARRYTOWN, NEW YORK 10591, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

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## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, AJAX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2018-C, MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES, SERIES 2018-C, BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, PLAINTIFF, VS. RONALD MICHEL, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO AN ORDER CONFIRMING REFEREE REPORT AND JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY ENTERED ON APRIL 30, 2020, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE OUTSIDE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON JUNE 14, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 141-09 185TH STREET A/K/A 14109 185TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD GARDENS, NY 11413. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 13057 AND LOT 44. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$744,039.68 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX #717391/2017. THE REFEREE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE'S AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE. FEARONCE G. LA LANDE, ESQ., REFEREE FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP, 85 BROAD STREET, SUITE 501, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10004, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF FIRM FILE NO. 190128-1

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## Attorney says settlement being considered in NCAA antitrust case could withstand future challenges

By Ralph D. Russo  
Associated Press

One of the lead attorneys in a class-action antitrust lawsuit against the NCAA said Monday that settlement talks are progressing as a deadline looms next week for the organization and major conferences to agree to a deal that would cost billions in damages and set up a groundbreaking revenue-sharing system with college athletes.

"I'm hearing that things are going well in terms of both sides getting ready to approve this," Steve Berman, a Seattle-based attorney for the plaintiffs, told The Associated Press.

Berman would not confirm details of the possible agreement, but said a settlement would create a new framework for paying college athletes that he believes could withstand future antitrust challenges.

"The rules prohibiting outright restrictions on (name, image and likeness) and other compensation payments will be greatly modified such that they probably can satisfy a pro-competitive justification," said Berman, who has won several other cases against the NCAA, including the Alston case that went before the Supreme Court.

College sports leaders have been pleading for help from Congress to regulate NIL compensation since even before the NCAA lifted its ban on athletes being permitted to earn money for sponsorship and endorsement deals in 2021.

NCAA President Charlie Baker, who was at the ACC spring meetings in Amelia Island, Florida, on Monday, said a settlement could change the conversation with federal lawmakers about athlete compensation.

"The other thing it does is create predictability and stability for schools," Baker told reporters. "But it also creates a tremendous opportunity for student-athletes, especially with the schools that are most heavily resourced."

The settlement being considered would have the NCAA paying about \$2.9 billion in damages. Schools in the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten, Big 12 and Southeastern Conference would agree to commit about \$300 million each over 10 years, most of which would be redirected to current athletes.

The settlement would create a revenue-sharing system that would allow — but not require — each school to share about 22% of athletics revenue per year with all athletes, with a possible cap of about \$25 million — though that number would rise as revenue increased. The plan is similar to revenue sharing in professional sports leagues, though those athletes collectively bargain through a union.

"There is a set amount that goes to the players from

the broadcast revenues, it's capped," Berman said. "This is really going to be no different."

The plaintiffs gave the NCAA and conferences until May 23 to agree to a deal, according to a person familiar with the negotiations who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because details of the talks were not being made public.

The NCAA needs approval from its board of governors and each conference needs its presidential board to sign off on a deal. Baker would not commit to a deadline.

Berman is leading House vs. the NCAA, but the settlement could cover three other antitrust claims against the association and major college conferences as well. Hubbard vs. the NCAA, Carter vs. the NCAA and Fontenot vs. the NCAA all challenge rules regarding compensation of college athletes.

House is set to go to trial in the Northern District of California in January in front of Judge Claudia Wilken, who ruled on Alston and the O'Bannon name, image and likeness case.

If the parties agree to settle, it would still need preliminary approval from Wilken. Then athletes who are part of the class would be notified of the terms of the deal and given the right to challenge it.

House, brought by former Arizona State swimmer Graham House, is asking for athletes who were denied the ability to earn money off NIL deals to be awarded damages, dating to 2016. The suit also makes the case that revenue earned by conferences and the NCAA through television contracts should be deemed NIL compensation and shared with athletes.

Berman said the settlement would allow future college athlete to challenge it.

"The way we're going to set this up is that every new NCAA athlete will get a copy of the class notice, in terms of the settlement, and there will be a yearly hearing set where anybody who wants to object can come forward and object," Berman said.

The settlement will not resolve whether college athletes should be deemed employees and allowed to unionize. There is a separate antitrust lawsuit in Pennsylvania dealing with that. Plus, a recent ruling by a regional National Labor Relations Board director paved the way for members of the Dartmouth men's basketball team to vote to join a union while a similar effort is being heard involving athletes at Southern California.

"This settlement doesn't touch that," Berman said. "But in terms of changing the rules to make it fair for student-athletes to share in the compensation, I think if this goes forward it settles that."

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## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, PLAINTIFF, VS. STANLEY CHUNG A. HING A/K/A STANLEY C. HING IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO AN ORDER AMENDING CAPTION, CONFIRMING REFEREE'S REPORT AND JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY ENTERED ON MARCH 13, 2024, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE OUTSIDE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON JUNE 7, 2024 AT 11:45 A.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 104-53 121ST STREET, SOUTH RICHMOND HILL, NY 11419. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 9575 AND LOT 52. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$300,339.78 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX #709309/2019. CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. THE REFEREE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE'S AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE. ERIC D. SUBIN, ESQ., REFEREE KNUCKLES, KOMOSINSKI & MANFRO, LLP, 120 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, SUITE 215, TARRYTOWN, NEW YORK 10591, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

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## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, AJAX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2021-D, MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES, SERIES 2021-D, BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, PLAINTIFF, VS. JAMES RICHARDS, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY ENTERED ON APRIL 4, 2024, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE OUTSIDE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON JUNE 14, 2024 AT 12:00 P.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 165-28 144TH AVENUE, JAMAICA, NY 11434. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 13270 AND LOT 40. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$736,323.12 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX #715033/2020. THE REFEREE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE'S AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE. IRA BENJAMIN WARSHAWSKY, ESQ., REFEREE FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP, 85 BROAD STREET, SUITE 501, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10004, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF. FIRM FILE NO. 201411-1

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## SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-HE3, PLAINTIFF, -AGAINST- WAVENY ALEXANDER AKA WAVENY AGATH ALEXANDER AKA WAVENY A. ALEXANDER INDIVIDUALLY, ADMINISTRATOR AND EIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, TINA ALEXANDER, SHANEZA ALEXANDER, TYRONE ALEXANDER INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, JAE ALEXANDER INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, DORELL ALEXANDER INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, ONEAL C. ALEXANDER INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER IF LIVING AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, GRANTEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENOR, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTIBLES, OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCES ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, EGBERT B. ALEXANDER AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, TERRENCE ALEXANDER AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, BRENT ALEXANDER AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER IF LIVING AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, GRANTEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENOR, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTIBLES, OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCES ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, HAZEL ALEXANDER AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, MICHELLE ALEXANDER AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, TESHINA JADE ALEXANDER AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, ANTHONY ALEXANDER AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER IF LIVING AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, GRANTEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENOR, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTIBLES, OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THE ABOVE AS MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTIBLES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCES ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, EON SHANE ALEXANDER AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, DELON ALEXANDER AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER AND EGBERT ALEXANDER'S, UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTIBLES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING UNDER, BY OR THROUGH SAID DEFENDANT WHO MAY BE DECEASED, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN., ADMERLIGHT COLLECTIONS, INC., CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AD-

JUDICATION BUREAU, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, CAVALRY SPV I LLC, LR CREDIT 10, LLC, DEFENDANTS. INDEX NO. 703843/2021 SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS PLAINTIFF DESIGNATES QUEENS COUNTY AS THE PLACE OF TRIAL. VENUE IS BASED UPON THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MORTGAGE PREMISES IS SITUATED. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ANSWER THE COMPLAINT IN THIS ACTION AND TO SERVE A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER OR, IF THE COMPLAINT IS NOT SERVED WITH THIS SUMMONS, TO SERVE A NOTICE OF APPEARANCE ON THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE DAY OF SERVICE (OR WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER SERVICE IS COMPLETE IF THIS SUMMONS IS NOT PERSONALLY DELIVERED TO YOU WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW YORK). IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR OR ANSWER, JUDGMENT WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU BY DEFAULT FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED ACTION IS TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE TO SECURE \$491,200.00 AND INTEREST, RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF QUEENS ON JUNE 17, 2005, IN BOOK CRFN 2005000350105, COVERING PREMISES KNOWN AS 146-45 181ST STREET, SPRINGFIELD GARDENS, NY 11413. THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE WITHIN ACTION IS A FINAL JUDGMENT DIRECTING THE SALE OF THE PREMISES DESCRIBED ABOVE TO SATISFY THE DEBT SECURED BY THE MORTGAGE DESCRIBED ABOVE. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: BAY SHORE, NEW YORK APRIL 24, 2024 /S/ BY: LINDA P. MANFREDI, ESQ. FRENKEL, LAMBERT, WEISS, WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF 53 GIBSON STREET BAY SHORE, NEW YORK 11706 (631) 969-3100 OUR FILE NO.:01-065730-F00

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## SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS NYCL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, PLAINTIFFS, -AGAINST- DAVID SINGH, IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, HIS/HER REPRESENTATIVE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIBUTIBLES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING UNDER, BY OR THROUGH SAID DEFENDANTS WHO MAY BE DECEASED,

BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE AMENDED COMPLAINT HEREIN, DAVID PERSAUD, QUEENS SUPREME COURT, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, CITY OF NEW YORK PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & FINANCE, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, "JOHN DOE NO. 1" THROUGH "JOHN DOE NO. 100" INCLUSIVE, THE NAMES OF THE LAST 100 DEFENDANTS BEING UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, IT BEING INTENDED TO DESIGNATE FEE OWNERS, TENANTS OR OCCUPANTS OF THE TAX LIEN PREMISES AND/OR PERSONS OR PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN OR A LIEN UPON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, IF THE AFORESAID INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS ARE LIVING, AND IF ANY OR ALL OF SAID INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS BE DEAD, THEIR HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIBUTIBLES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, AND THE ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THEM, AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING UNDER, BY, THROUGH, OR AGAINST THE SAID DEFENDANTS NAMED AS A CLASS, OF ANY RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, DEFENDANTS.

INDEX NO. 716000/2019 DATE OF FILING: 3/27/2024 PLAINTIFF DESIGNATES QUEENS COUNTY AS THE PLACE OF TRIAL. VENUE IS BASED UPON COUNTY IN WHICH PREMISES ARE SITUATED. SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS TAX LIEN FORECLOSURE BLOCK: 11859; LOT: 47 A/K/A 135-24 126 STREET TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ANSWER THE COMPLAINT IN THIS ACTION AND TO SERVE A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER, OR, IF THE COMPLAINT IS NOT SERVED WITH THIS SUMMONS, TO SERVE A NOTICE OF APPEARANCE, ON THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY(S) WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS AFTER THE SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE DAY OF SERVICE (OR WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE SERVICE IS COMPLETE IF THIS SUMMONS IS NOT PERSONALLY DELIVERED TO YOU WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW YORK); AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR OR ANSWER, JUDGMENT WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU BY DEFAULT FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT OF THE ABOVE ENTITLED ACTION IS TO FORECLOSE THE FOLLOWING TAX LIENS: A TAX LIEN IN THE ORIGINAL TAX LIEN PRINCIPAL BALANCE OF \$29,548.09 WITH INTEREST AS DESCRIBED IN A CERTAIN TAX LIEN CERTIFICATE DATED AUGUST 15, 2013 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY REGISTER FOR THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, COUNTY OF QUEENS, ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2013 IN CITY REGISTER FILE NUMBER ("CRFN") 2013000371680, WHICH WAS ASSIGNED BY TAX LIEN CERTIFICATE ASSIGNMENT DATED MAY 31, 2015 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY REGISTER FOR THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, COUNTY OF QUEENS, ON JUNE 17, 2015 IN CRFN 2015000207551 (THE "2013 TAX LIEN"); A TAX LIEN IN THE ORIGINAL TAX LIEN PRINCIPAL BALANCE OF \$2,509.58 WITH INTEREST AS DESCRIBED IN A CERTAIN TAX LIEN CERTIFICATE DATED AUGUST 13, 2014 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY REGISTER FOR THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, COUNTY OF QUEENS, ON AUGUST 20, 2014 IN CRFN 2014000278035,

WHICH WAS ASSIGNED BY TAX LIEN CERTIFICATE ASSIGNMENT DATED APRIL 30, 2016 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY REGISTER FOR THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, COUNTY OF QUEENS, ON MAY 11, 2016 IN CRFN 2016000162669 (THE "2014 TAX LIEN"); AND A TAX LIEN IN THE ORIGINAL TAX LIEN PRINCIPAL BALANCE OF \$22,321.89 WITH INTEREST AS DESCRIBED IN A CERTAIN TAX LIEN CERTIFICATE DATED AUGUST 12, 2015 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY REGISTER FOR THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, COUNTY OF QUEENS, ON AUGUST 25, 2015 IN CRFN 2015000295054, WHICH WAS ASSIGNED BY TAX LIEN CERTIFICATE ASSIGNMENT DATED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY REGISTER FOR THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, COUNTY OF QUEENS, ON JANUARY 23, 2018 IN CRFN 2018000025608 (THE "2015 TAX LIEN") UPON THE PREMISES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ADDRESS:

135-24 126 STREET BLOCK: 11859 LOT: 47 COUNTY: QUEENS THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE WITHIN ACTION IS A FINAL JUDGMENT DIRECTING THE SALE OF THE PREMISES DESCRIBED ABOVE TO SATISFY THE DEBT SECURED BY THE TAX LIENS DESCRIBED ABOVE. PLAINTIFF DESIGNATES QUEENS COUNTY AS THE PLACE OF TRIAL. VENUE IS BASED UPON THE COUNTY WHERE THE PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED UPON IS LOCATED. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO THE PLAINTIFF WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: NEW YORK, NEW YORK MARCH 27, 2024 THE LAW OFFICE OF THOMAS P. MALONE, PLLC BY: THOMAS P. MALONE, ESQ. ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS 60 EAST 42ND STREET, SUITE 553 NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10165 PH: (212) 867-0500 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: THE FOREGOING SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS IS SERVED UPON YOU BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF THE COURT DATED MARCH 12, 2024 AND FILED ALONG WITH THE SUPPORTING PAPERS IN THE QUEENS COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

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## SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS INDEX NO. 709075/2014 DATE FILED: 4/19/2024 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASSALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR LEHMAN XS TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, PLAINTIFF, -AGAINST- KEVIN CANTY; AMBER TAMM CANTY; K.C.; K.C.: 'ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTIBLES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE JESSICA MERA A/K/A JESSICA CANTY, IF THEY BE LIVING OR IF THEY BE DEAD, THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTIBLES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF; NOMURA CREDIT CAPITAL; CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

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### ROOTED PSYCHOTHERAPY, MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PLLC

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### AGGELIS PROPERTY MGT LLC

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### BROOKLYN 55 LLC

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### YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PROPERTIES LLC

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### CASA JAMTEX, LLC

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### 4329 MURRAY LLC

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### 11106 METAMARTIAL LLC

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### 11361 E & K'S BAYSIDE DINER LLC

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### 11366 CAPTIVE PHOTOGRAPHY MEDIA LLC

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### 33134 ELLAWAY BLUES CONSULTING LLC

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# City to shell out \$1.6 million to Rikers detainee abused by therapist

By Reuven Blau  
THE CITY

New York City has agreed to pay \$1.6 million to settle a lawsuit filed by a former Rikers Island detainee who was sexually abused by a physical therapist inside a jail clinic.

The settlement is among the largest pretrial payouts ever awarded to a single plaintiff in a sexual assault case at Rikers, according to Josh Kelnner, who represented the plaintiff known as John Doe in legal documents.

“At first they didn’t want to believe me,” the former detainee, who did not want his identity revealed, told THE CITY last week.

The man said he was forced to perform oral sex on physical therapist Carlos Negron, 57, inside the West Facility on Rikers on May 30, 2019, according to the Manhattan federal court lawsuit.

The incarcerated man, who was 27-years-old at the time, said Negron threatened to get him in trouble if he didn’t comply.

After the assault, the detainee reported what happened to a correction officer and handed over DNA evidence that he had in his mouth and on his hand, according to court records.

“If I didn’t have that DNA evidence, I’m 100% sure he’d still be working at Rikers,” said the former detainee, who was locked up on a parole violation tied to a drug related conspiracy.

Negron was charged with multiple offenses by the Bronx District Attorney on Oct. 7, 2019. In February 2022, he pled guilty to one felony count of Criminal Sexual Act in the third degree.

He was sentenced to two years of outpatient mental health counseling and ordered to surrender his physical therapy license — and blocked from applying for a new one for five years.

## Hundreds of Cases

The settlement comes as 819 former detainees have alleged that they were sexually assaulted by correction officers and jail staffers over the last few decades. The legal cases were all filed under the Adult Survivors Act, a state law that extended the statute of limitations for such cases.

The case also comes as the troubled New York City Correction Department — and other lock-ups throughout the country — struggle to comply with the 2003 federal Prison Rape Elimination Act known as PREA.

As part of those guidelines, the city Correction Department in 2016 implemented a 24-hour hotline people behind bars can use to file complaints of abuse. The department also added more investigators to review allegations and clear a backlog of cases.

Still, allegations against officers or other department staffers are rarely substantiated, according to Correction Department records.

The Correction Department fired only one correction officer for having a prohibited sexual encounter with a detainee over a recent five year stretch, THE CITY reported in November 2022.

## Initially Ignored

In Negron’s case, another detainee, Edward Baker, complained about him a little over four months before in 2019, according to court docu-



A man was awarded a \$1.6 million settlement from the city after accusing a therapist of sexually abusing him on Rikers Island, May 2, 2024. Credit: Alex Krales/THE CITY

ments from the John Doe case.

Baker alleged that Negron groped his genitalia over his clothing and also commented that “it looks nice.”

Baker says he complained to a nearby correction officer right after the incident.

The DOC investigator assigned to the case received the complaint at 4:35 p.m. on Feb. 2, 2019 and only three hours later concluded it was “unsubstantiated,” department records show.

That staffer never even looked at surveillance footage or questioned Negron, a later review of the internal DOC investigation revealed.

Negron right afterward filed an internal DOC counterclaim against Baker, alleging the detainee slapped him on the butt, the records show.

Negron’s claim led to Baker being placed on so-called “enhanced restraint” status, meaning he was cuffed everytime he was transported.

As for other similar cases, the second highest payout appears to be a \$1.2 million case filed by a former female detainee who alleged she was repeatedly raped by a correction officer, according to Kelnner, who has handled multiple high-profile lawsuits against the Correction Department.

“Reports of sexual assault at Rikers routinely

languish, often are barely investigated, and are almost never taken seriously,” said Kelnner.

“Only one in one hundred complaints were substantiated the year this took place,” he added. “An assault like this can only take place when a perpetrator knows he is unlikely to face any consequences. This incident was a product of the cul-

ture of neglect and impunity that exists at Rikers for sexual assaults.”

The DOC and Law Department did not immediately respond to requests seeking comment.

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## Pols pitch bill to protect legal services fund following gov's last-minute sweep

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In all, IOLA grantees closed over 307,000 cases in 2023, according to the New York Legal Services Coalition. The coalition also claims that those cases generated over \$3.5 billion in economic benefit to the state last year.

Among those who the public defenders represent are victims of domestic violence, New Yorkers facing homelessness in Housing Court, or those experiencing economic instability due to job loss, medical debt or disability.

The IOLA fund is not composed of taxpayer dollars. Instead, the fund is made up of cash earned through private interest and held in attorney escrow accounts. The interest is derived from client cash being held by attorneys to pay for court fees, settlements and other legal costs.

Because of its funding source, the money that goes into IOLA fluctuates year to year.

Last year when interest rates were high, the fund brought in \$107 million in interest, according to reporting by New York Focus. However, at the start of the financial crisis in 2008, the fund only took in \$2.6 million.

Because of the fluctuation in incoming cash, the fund's managers previously warned against a sweep of the fund's cash, which they say may be needed in the near future when interest rates aren't as high.

The sweep included in this year's budget marks the first time money has been taken from the IOLA fund and used to pay for a state-funded program.

"We're kind of playing Kabuki with the fund," Solages said on Monday.

"This is just a wrong move by the executive and we want to make sure that future generations, future governors, future legislatures don't have this option," she added.

The legislation, which currently sits in the Senate's Finance Committee, would amend the state's finance law to allow payments from the



Governor Kathy Hochul pushed through a provision to sweep the state's Interest on Lawyers Account Fund as part of the state's budget last month. Two lawmakers are now attempting to prevent similar sweeps from taking place in the future.

File photo by Mike Groll/Office of Governor Kathy Hochul

IOLA fund to be made without a budget appropriation.

According to the bill's sponsors, the change would mean that the original legislative intent of IOLA is adhered to.

The IOLA fund was formed by the legislature in 1983. It was created "to provide funding for the providers of civil legal services in order to ensure effective access to the judicial system for all citizens of the state to the extent practicable."

"This change will actually bring IOLA's administrative processes in line with many of the other New York settlement funds, reserve funds and special funds," Ryan said. "And more importantly, it will help ensure that the fund is only used for its intended purposes, making civil legal services available for vulnerable New Yorkers."

Hochul first proposed taking \$100 million from the fund earlier this year as part of her initial budget proposal.

After receiving backlash over the plan, Hochul reversed course and eliminated the proposal from her budget.

However, in the final hours of budget negotiations last month, the \$55 million sweep of the IOLA fund was worked into the state's fiscal plan. The money taken from the fund will primarily be used to boost funding for the Homeowner Protection Program, which provides free housing counseling and legal services to New York homeowners at risk of foreclosure.

"This year's budget made history, but not in a good way," said Kristin Brown, the CEO of the Empire Justice Center and the president of the New York Legal Services Coalition. "It re-

resents a disastrous precedent."

According to Brown and others, civil legal services providers warned that the \$55 million sweep, as well as any additional sweep that may come in the future, will greatly affect their ability to represent indigent New Yorkers in need of an attorney.

Many civil legal services organizations are currently in the throes of a staffing crisis, unable to pay attorneys as well as private firms are able to. The result – fewer attorneys left to represent indigent defendants.

"More funds, more services, higher salaries – it's the best thing we can do for low income and marginalized New Yorkers here in our great state," Brown said. "Any dime taken from the civil justice system is just compounding our problems."

## Opinion: When it comes to transportation, the MTA must get the bus redesign right

By **Selvena Brooks-Powers**  
and **Daneek Miller**  
Special to the Eagle

When tourists think of New York City public transportation, it's the subway system that comes to mind. The New York City subway is one of the most widely recognized forms of public transportation to people across the globe. But it's New York City buses that knit together many of our communities, particularly those lacking access to the core transit network.

Currently, there are over 250 local and express bus routes. These routes are utilized by nearly two out of every 10 New Yorkers, with a higher share of older adults depending on buses for transportation. It is essential that our bus network receive the necessary care and attention from the MTA to ensure high-quality service citywide.

Recently, the MTA announced its proposed final plan for the Queens Bus Network Redesign. While the redesign signals an investment in improving bus service, it also means significant changes to the network throughout the borough, which has raised some concerns among riders throughout Queens. That is why it is more important than ever for community members to make their voices heard.

Throughout New York City's history, there are examples of community engagement done right, as well as done disastrously wrong.

Robert Moses famously rammed highways through communities of color in every borough, including in Queens, and frequently ignored the concerns of the people living in these neighborhoods as he destroyed homes and livelihoods.

The redesign will entail changes to routes and removals of some stops that residents know and use every day. Input from the community can help ensure that changes work for the community.

This is especially necessary as the implementation of the MTA's congestion pricing nears and the need for adequate and expanded bus service grows significantly. These new tolls on drivers traveling to Manhattan's Central Business District will mean our communities will rely more than ever on transit to reach the city center. This makes it even more imperative that the MTA get this redesign right, not only for local bus routes, but with respect to expanded express bus routes and service into Manhattan and back to Queens on weekdays and weekends. The bus is a critical resource for outer-borough neighborhoods, and it must remain affordable and accessible.

To provide feedback directly to the MTA, you may visit <https://contact.mta.info/s/forms/bus-network-redesign>, if you missed one of the MTA's in-person outreach events that took place throughout Queens.

This is just one of many op-

portunities to provide meaningful, community-oriented feedback on transportation projects impacting your neighborhood, not just the bus redesign. Every community board across New York City has a transportation committee, where agencies like the MTA and the Department of Transportation are regularly presenting on new projects. Anyone can attend these meetings and provide feedback on projects under consideration.

Without the input of the people living in our neighborhoods, projects often fail to meet our needs. So we encourage you to make your voice heard – on the MTA's proposed bus redesign, and on projects to come that will impact the way we live. And, moreso, we call on the MTA to truly incorporate community feedback on the final outcome of the Queens Redesign.

Nearly a million Queens commuters depend on it.

*Majority Whip Selvena N. Brooks-Powers serves as chair of the New York City Council's Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and represents District 31 in Queens. Daneek Miller is a former councilmember of District 27 and the former president of ATU Local 1056*

Right, a map of the MTA's proposed bus network redesign in Queens.

Map via MTA

