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NYC'S TALE OF TWO LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICIES

Violent Gang Bangers Get Segregated from Society When They're Arrested and Sent to Jail, But They Can't Be Segregated from The General Population After They Commit Violent Acts While They're in Jail

New York—The following statement can be attributed to COBA President Elias Husamudeen in response to yesterday's announcement from Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez concerning the arrests of 18 violent gang members.

"While we applaud the Brooklyn DA's sweeping arrests yesterday of these 18 violent gang members, Correction Officers, inmates, and civilians in the city's jails continue to have their lives threatened because Mayor de Blasio refuses to restore punitive segregation for inmates 21 and under, even after they commit the same acts of violence behind bars as they do on the streets. Having one set of law enforcement policies for keeping the streets safe while having a totally different policy for dealing with violent offenders behind bars is nothing short of hypocrisy. We are not new to this—the Mayor has been a consistent hypocrite since he took office. But it is imperative for all New Yorkers to not be misled or duped into believing crime is down and that our city is safer. On the contrary, crime is up behind bars and thousands of lives continue to be jeopardized all because the Mayor refuses to let Correction Officers segregate violent inmates from one another the same way the police segregate violent offenders from the public when they're arrested. These gang members who were arrested today, all of whom are 21 and under, are considered a "protected class." They can't be segregated or separated despite what heinous crimes they commit while in jail. They are being charged with 2nd degree murder, 2nd degree attempted murder, gun possession, and assault. Why put them in jail at all since there will be no consequences, whatsoever, for the violent crimes they commit behind bars?"

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