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"In Wake of Black Lives Matter Protests, New York Attorney General Wants Federal Monitor to Oversee NYPD for Civil Rights Abuses"

@NewYorkStateAG is holding a press conference soon, and I will update this developing story. <https://t.co/XuH44ldqjJ> via [@lawcrimenews](#)

NYAG's federal complaint is embedded in the story.

NYAG James's press conference is ongoing.

Live stream here.

<https://t.co/5qNVZoQUUS>

NYAG speaks of her investigation into civil rights abuse:

"What we found was an egregious abuse of police power, rampant excessive use of force and leadership unable and unwilling to stop it."

NYAG James:

"This lawsuit seeks broad injunctive relief, including systemic reforms to the NYPD and a monitor to oversee the NYPD's compliance with the law."

NYAG:

"Since the end of May 2020, my office has received more than 1,300 complaints and pieces of evidence about the NYPD misconduct. We have also received 300 submissions of written evidence."

As NYAG James delivers her remarks, her office sent out this press release with her statement.

“There is no question that the NYPD engaged in a pattern of excessive, brutal, and unlawful force against peaceful protesters,” said **Attorney General James**. “Over the past few months, the NYPD has repeatedly and blatantly violated the rights of New Yorkers, inflicting significant physical and psychological harm and leading to great distrust in law enforcement. With today’s lawsuit, this longstanding pattern of brutal and illegal force ends. No one is above the law — not even the individuals charged with enforcing it.”

NYAG: "There was ample ability and opportunity for the city and NYPD leadership to make important changes to the way that officers interact with peaceful protesters, but time and time again, they did not."

James: "They did not train. They did not supervise. They did not stop officers who engaged in misconduct. And they did not discipline them, either. Instead, they failed the people of the city of New York."

James:

"I want to be clear. I do not think that every officer, every police officer is problematic. I have family members and close friends who have served and continue to serve in the NYPD. I respect them deeply."

James thanks ex-AG Loretta Lynch.