



# International Union of Police Associations

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## Statement of Sam A. Cabral, President of the International Union of Police Associations

Today, justice was served. Daniel Penny, a former Marine and good citizen, was found not guilty in the death of Jordan Neely, a homeless man who had a history of mental illness and was high on drugs. Mr. Neely boarded a New York subway where witnesses reported that he began shouting and acting towards other passengers in a threatening manner.

Mr. Penny placed a neck restraint hold on Mr. Neely and held him down until authorities arrived. Mr. Neely later died.

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg filed criminal charges against Mr. Penny.

A good citizen stepped forward to prevent threatened violence against people he did not even know. His willingness to get involved and put himself between an aggressor and innocent persons should be commended, not prosecuted. We salute the jury who saw this event as we do.

It is always sad for someone to die in such circumstances, but the events of May 1, 2023 were the result of Mr. Neely's actions. Our condolences to his family for this tragic loss.

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NOTE:

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