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**JUSTICE FOR JAZMINE!!!**

We are here today to demand Justice for Jazmine Headley and all the unknown Jazmine Headleys – Black women who are victimized for simply trying to live like human beings and take care of their families.

Jazmine is on Rikers Island because she needed to renew her child care benefit so she could continue to work.

Jazmine is on Rikers Island because HRA doesn't treat their clients like human beings and provide simple basic amenities, like enough chairs for their clients' hours-long waits.

Jazmine is on Rikers Island because she committed the once and forever crime in the U.S. – breathing while Black

Jazmine is on Rikers Island because in a system governed by white supremacy, as Brother Malcolm X put it, the victim becomes the perpetrator and the perpetrator becomes the victim.

Jazmine is on Rikers Island because the mindset of the police – whether Black, Asian or Latino - just like the Black police who patrolled the Black townships of Apartheid South Africa, is that Black people have no rights.

Jazmine is on Rikers Island because this country has never respected the human rights of Black people

We **demand** that HRA Commissioner Steven Banks take the following steps:

- Release the history of complaints at this HRA office
- Request that the Brooklyn DA arrest and charge the police involved with the criminal attack on Jazmine and the threatening of bystanders and that he drop all charges against Jazmine, if he has not already done so.
- Immediately transfer the HRA employees involved to an area which keeps them from dealing with the public and institute steps for their termination.